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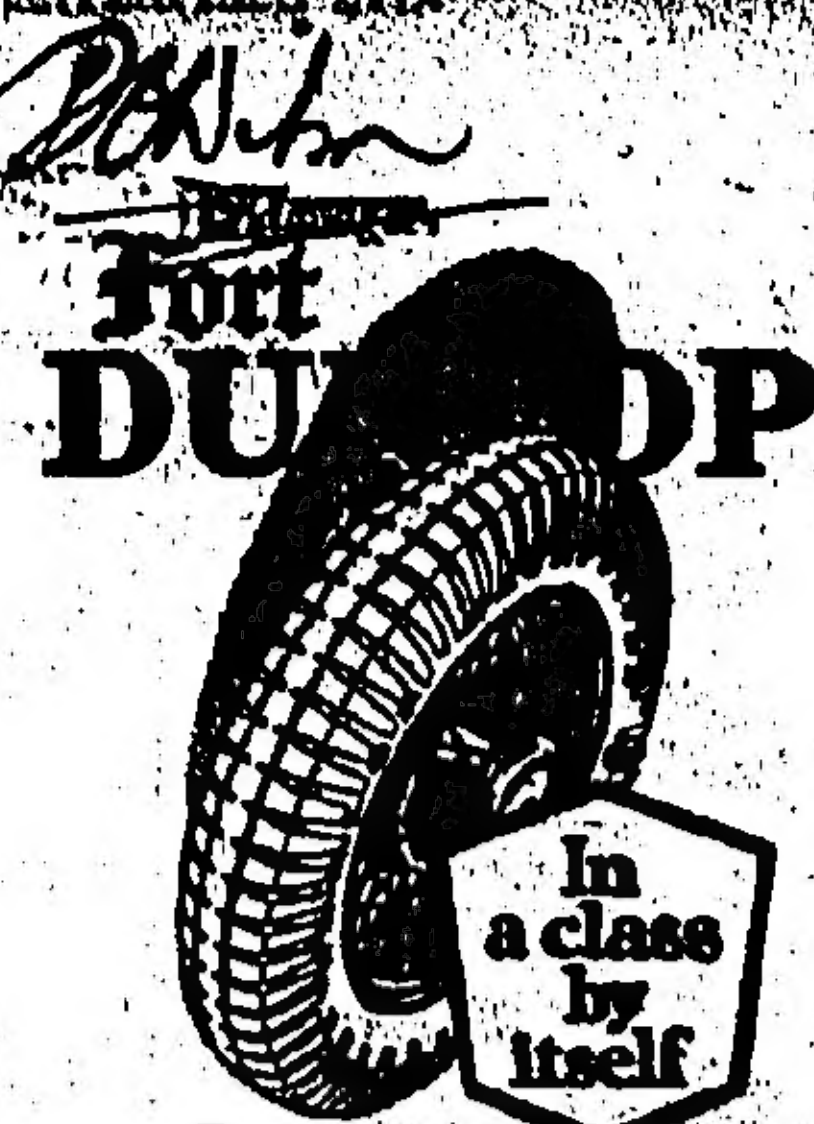
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CHINESE SNIPERS MAKE DETERMINED ATTACK.

ADMIRAL SHIOZAWA DIRECTS REPRISALS

REFUGEES COMMENCE LOOTING

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, To-day.

One of the most determined attacks hitherto perpetrated by supposed snipers against the Japanese was launched when the Consulate and the flagship docked nearby to the wharf were subjected to a hail of individual automatic rifle-fire which lasted for half an hour.

The unusual feature of the action was that, instead of fleeing at the first few bursts, the concealed snipers advanced to other positions nearer to the objectives and kept up a fusillade. Light machine guns aboard the flagship answered the fire from the shore, while Admiral Shiozawa himself is understood to have taken part in directing reprisals.

Wives, children and Consular attaches have evacuated the Consulate. Four large shells apparently from Chinese field guns, of heavy calibre, landed on the Whangpoo River close to the Italian gunboat Libia.

Thousands of refugees are streaming into French town rendering progress on the main arterial roads impossible. Barbed wire barricades were erected, acting like bottlenecks through which the dense bustling throng struggle and jostle. The refugees attacked and looted several rice shops.

ARGYLLS LAND AT NOON

JAPANESE LAUNCH LAND AND SEA ATTACK ON WOOSUNG FORTS.

(Reuter's Pacific Service).

Shanghai, To-day.

H.M.S. Berwick arrived with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who disembarked at the Customs Jetty at noon. Eighteen Japanese planes coming from air-carriers at present lying off the Saddle Islands were seen aloft reconnoitring Chapei.

Japanese forces opened an attack on Woosung Forts from land and sea at 11.30 a.m. Six Japanese destroyers are bombarding forts to cover the disembarkation of the landing force.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

ARGYLLS MARCH THROUGH THE TOWN.

Shanghai, To-day.

At two o'clock sharp, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, numbering about 800 strong, formed up at the Customs Jetty and set up at Nanking Road, headed by the pipes, through teeming Chinese crowds who gazed blankly at the Highlanders, while their Scottish patriots cheered from the top floors of two hotels in the water-front.

CHAPEI BOMBED.

At the same time Japanese bombing planes are circling over tortured Chapei, the sound of exploding bombs being punctuated by the rattle of machine guns, though the fighting has now extended farther from the Settlement. Smoke is streaming aloft from new fires in Chapei.

The Japanese Consul-General has just officially informed the British and American Consuls-General of Japan's intention forthwith to occupy Woosung.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION

TO END PERILOUS STATE IN THE FAR EAST

FOUR POWERS IN UNISON

Rugby, Yesterday.

United international action to end the peril-

DYNAMITE ON A JUNK.

Master's Alleged Bribe to Police Inspector.

ALDRICH BAY INCIDENT.

Lam Hoi-yip, master of a fishing junk, and Lam Hoi-kee, a fisherman, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, charged, as follows:—

First defendant—unlawful possession of 317 sticks of dynamite, 205 detonators and 2 coils of fuse, without permission from the Inspector General of Police.

Both defendants—with giving a bribe of \$50 to Inspector Godfrey Albert Stimson.

First defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of possession.

Giving the facts of the case, Insp. Stimson said that last evening, on information received, in company with a Chinese detective, he boarded a fishing junk lying in Aldrich Bay, Shaokwan. In one of the three holds of the craft beneath a cargo of loose salt they came across a chatty, in which first defendant openly admitted dynamite was concealed.

Referring to the alleged offer of a bribe, Inspector Stimson said, when the search was being conducted he overheard second defendant say:—

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REPARATIONS AND WAR DEBTS.

General Cancellation Favoured by Britain.

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER'S STATEMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, declared that the British Government's policy on the Reparations question was that a comprehensive and permanent settlement should be reached as soon as possible. They believed that this could best be realised, by a general cancellation of reparations and war debts.

As soon as the report of the foreign experts was received they had urged the necessity of the Government coming together immediately to conclude a permanent settlement of the reparations question on the basis of fact established in the experts' unanimous report.

It became apparent, however, that the present juncture was not favourable to a settlement on such a basis. They, accordingly, expressed willingness to agree to a postponement of the inter-govern-

BRITAIN AND SOVIET RUSSIA.

Question of Inter-Governmental Debts.

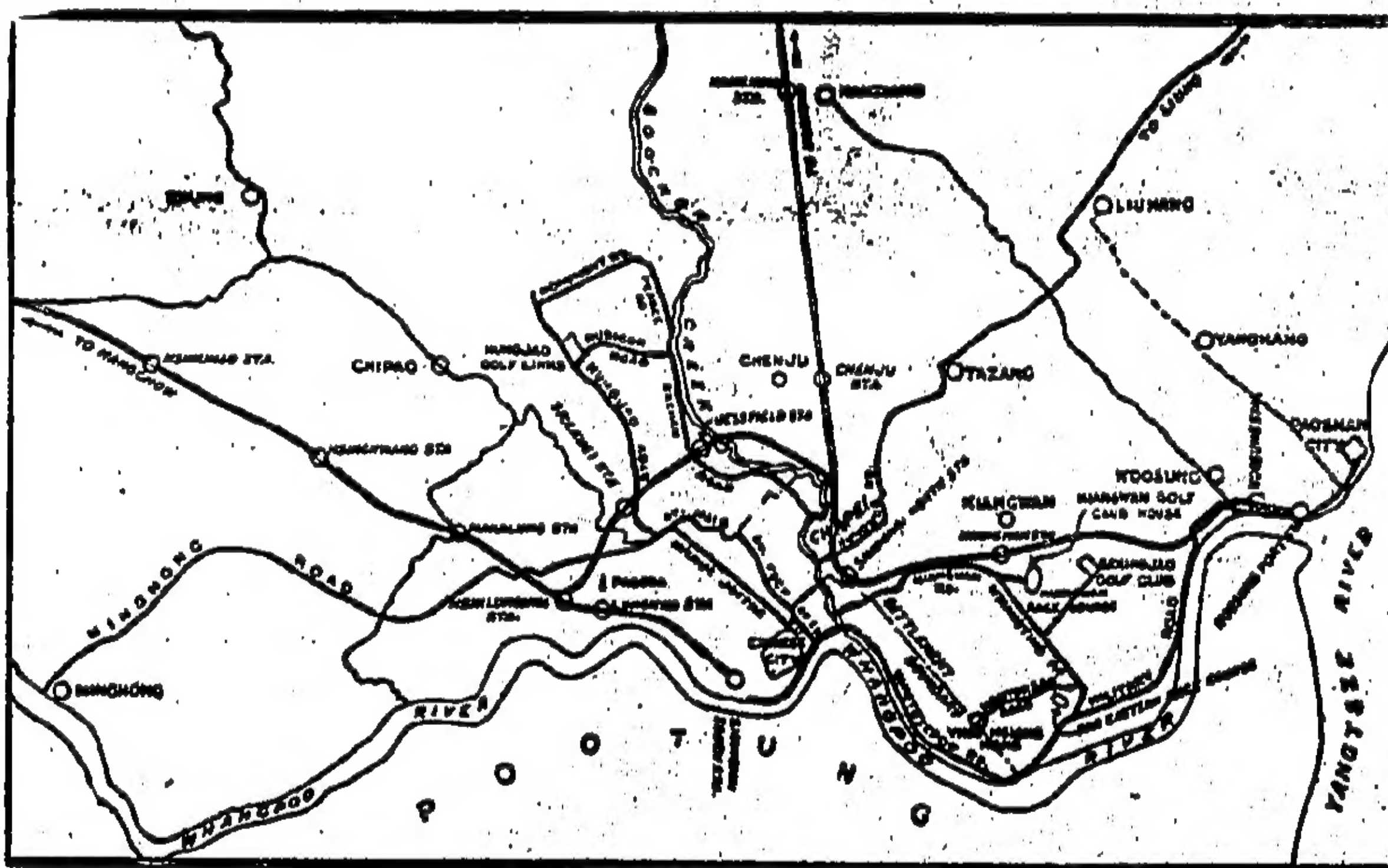
NEGOTIATIONS DROPPED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir John Simon announced in the House of Commons to-day, that the British Government had informed the Russian Ambassador that no useful purpose could be served to go on continuing negotiations in regard to settlement of inter-Governmental debts between Britain and Soviet Russia. Britain refused to accept the principle that a credit or loan must be made to Russia, before progress could be made in the debts and claims negotiations.—British Wireless Service.

mental conference to May or June. They also suggested that some provisional arrangement be made covering the year to July 1 when the Hoover moratorium expired.

An interchange of views had taken place with the French Government, but as full concord had not been possible among the Governments chiefly concerned, it appeared best to leave the rest for settlement by the Conference when it meets.—British Wireless Service.



Map of Shanghai.

ous situation which has developed at Shanghai out of the strained Sino-Japanese relations, was taken to-day. Both at Nanking and Tokyo simultaneous identical proposals with this end in view were made to the Chinese and Japanese Governments on behalf of Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy.

At Geneva, on the initiative of Great Britain, a special meeting of the League Council was summoned in which the Dominions Secretary (Mr. J. H. Thomas) formally brought to the notice of the Council the gravity of the latest developments in the situation, and read a statement, which the Foreign Secretary (Sir John Simon) was, almost at the same moment, making in London to the House of Commons, which reassembled this afternoon.

FOREIGN SECRETARY MAKES IMPORTANT STATEMENT TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Foreign Secretary stated that hostilities of a very serious nature broke out on the night of January 28 between the Chinese and Japanese at Shanghai. The British Government regards these events with grave concern, both in the general interests of peace and owing to the proximity of the International Settlement with consequent danger to the lives and property of British nationals.

THE SHELLING OF NANKING.

A JAPANESE DENIAL.

The Japanese Consul-General, Hong Kong, yesterday, issued the following disclaimer in respect of the news that Japanese gunboats started shelling Nanking at 11.15 p.m. on Monday, February 1.

"According to the information received by this Consulate-General, Chinese started shelling on Japanese gunboats. At about 9 o'clock p.m. on Monday, three shells were fired by the Lion Hill Forts on Japanese gunboats, and at the same time Chinese troops on the water-front started firing. Accordingly the Japanese gunboats Hiraide and Tenryu were obliged to answer and in all 10 shells were fired by gunboats by about 11 o'clock p.m. Shelling Due to Misunderstanding. It is now definitely established that the firing on Monday night was due to a misunderstanding," says Reuter.

It is officially announced that a few Japanese sailors went ashore to purchase necessities. They were challenged by a Chinese patrol, but did not answer. The Chinese fired and the Japanese returned fire. The Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai has received a report that the Japanese gunboats Hiraide and Tenryu were fired upon by Chinese troops on the water-front at Nanking at 11.15 p.m. on Monday, February 1.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON EXPLAINS AIM

MUST BREAK VICIOUS CIRCLE OF ARMAMENTS

Rugby, Yesterday.

Delegations of over sixty nations were present, when the Disarmament Conference opened at Geneva this evening.

The President, Mr. Arthur Henderson, before beginning his address, made reference to the "tragic fact that, at the moment when the Conference, the very purpose of which is to take steps towards maintenance of peace, begins its work we are confronted with a situation of extreme gravity in the Far East. It is imperative that all signatories of the Covenant and of the Briand-Kellogg Pact should make it their business to ensure a strict observance of these two great safeguards against acts of violence and war."

Mr. Henderson declared, that the Conference's task was:—

Firstly, to reach an agreement on a programme of practical proposals to secure speedily a substantial reduction and limitation of all national armaments.

Secondly, to determine that no armaments be maintained outside the scope of that treaty.

Thirdly, to plan a continued advance towards the ultimate goal, without detracting from the present effort by agreeing to similar conferences at reasonably short intervals.

Making such a treaty a reality involved the whole issue of peace and war, he added. They must break the vicious circle of armaments. The problem was vitally relevant to the world's financial and economic crisis.—British Wireless Service.

SOCIETY LADY WEDS "WHITE HUNTER"

EXCITES PLACID EAST AFRICAN CIRCLES

DISPLEASED FATHER

LITERALLY CUTS DAUGHTER WITH A SHILLING.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Nairobi, Yesterday.

The surprise wedding between a Peer's daughter and her father's "white hunter" while the father was away hunting, and the father's subsequent displeasure upon learning of the match, have excited placid East African social life.

Last week, Andrew Rattray, the fifty-year-old Scotsman, married Miss Averil Furness, the twenty-three-year-old daughter of Viscount Furness. This union in itself caused a stir, but a new stir was created when Viscount Furness sent news that he was returning hastily and issued an advertisement in a local newspaper that Rattray had "ceased to be white hunter to my safari and has no authority to order anything on my account."

dubious, and fired several shells and some blanks to see if the Chinese would reply, but they did not answer, and the Japanese therefore ceased firing. Now the misunderstanding has been cleared up, it is believed that there will be no further trouble.

WALLABY ESCAPES

During Monday night a wallaby or small kangaroo escaped from the circus and is still at large. It is believed that the animal which escaped was a female, and that it was seen in the vicinity of the circus.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:—
5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Programme.

7.03-7.30 p.m.—A Selection of the Latest Dance Tunes.

Fox Trot—
Take it from Me,
It's the Girl,
Leo Reisman & His Orchestra (22767).

Waltz—
Call Me Darling,
When the World Was New,
Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra (22849).

Fox Trot—
Plodding Home,
You're My Only Sweetheart,
Wayne King & His Orchestra (22835).

7.30-7.50 p.m.—From the Studio
Mrs. W. T. Southorn will give a short talk on "Girl Guides."
8 p.m.—Local Time.

7.50-9.30 p.m.—A Concert.

Song—
The Sweetest Story Ever Told
(Stills),
Ma Curly-Headed Babby (Clutnam),
Hilda Lashanka (Soprano) (1334).

Piano Solo—
Impromptu in A Flat (Chopin),
(a) Flirtations in a Chinese Garden,
(b) Rush Hour in Hong Kong (Chasins),
Benno Moiseiwitch (D1217).

Chorus—
(a) Flora Gave Me (Wilbye),
(b) Welcome, Sweet Pleasure (Weekes),
The Elvies Song—
(a) Round-About (Bennet),
(b) Fair Phyllis (Farmer),
Choir of H.M. Chapels
Royal conducted by
Stanley Roper (B2608).

Violin Solo—
Aloha Oe (Queen Liliuokalani-Kreisler),
From the Land of the Sky Blue Water (Caldman-Kreisler),
Fritz Kreisler (1115).

Song—
Down Here (Brabe),
Sober Woods (Lully),
Manuel Hemingway (Bass) (B2889).

9.30-9.47 p.m.—
Sonata No. 1 (Debussy) for Violin and Piano, May Harrison and Arnold Bax (C1749-50).

9.47-10.17 p.m.—
The Entire Musical Numbers of "The Mikado" (Gilbert & Sullivan),
Recorded under the direction of Rupert D'Oyly Carte (D1172-82).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.
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STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset
in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February, 1932, (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
3	7.02	6.18
4	7.02	6.18
5	7.02	6.14
6	7.01	6.14
7	7.00	6.15
8	7.00	6.15
9	6.59	6.16
10	6.59	6.17
11	6.58	6.18
12	6.58	6.18
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20	6.53	6.22
21	6.52	6.23
22	6.51	6.23
23	6.50	6.23
24	6.49	6.24
25	6.49	6.24
26	6.48	6.25
27	6.47	6.26
28	6.47	6.26
29	6.46	6.27

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"THE VIRTUOUS SIN."

In spite of the fact that the word "Cossack" means, in Russian, "Free Man," there still rages a pronounced controversy over the origin of this wild and courageous band of horsemen.

Walter Huston, who plays the role of the "General" in "The Virtuous Sin," Paramount talking love drama with a Cossack flare, and which is now showing at the King's Theatre, reports the discovery of a different version of the word's origin.

"In reading material on the part played by the Cossack in the World War, with which our film deals, I found an account of how the name was derived from a band of Tartars," Huston reveals.

"The story relates that in the thirteenth century the Tartar Chief Gennish Khan, with his terrifying hordes of soldiers on horseback, swept from Asia into the country now known as Russian. These horsemen were known as Kazaks. They were fierce riders, mounted on fine, well-trained horses such as had never before been seen in this part of the world.

It is claimed that, after the Tartar invasion was checked, the name Kazaks was adopted by the mounted soldiery of the Russian communities which were formed on the border lands, notably in the Ukraine. It is said that the name was afterwards corrupted into Cossack."

"THE SAP FROM SYRACUSE."

Here's a laugh! Jack Oakie in "The Sap From Syracuse" at the Central Theatre to-day.

Oakie is the "cheerful giver" of fun whose first appearance in "Close Harmony" was an instantaneous signal of joy to come. In "The Sap From Syracuse," he has, by far, his best role to date, as the native country boy who thinks the world is his "oyster." Off to see Europe, he meets a lovely charmer in distress, in the person of Ginger Rogers, the cuddlesome girl of "Young Man of Manhattan." Mistaken for a prominent engineer, travelling incognito, Oakie cannot convince Ginger of his real identity. He is feted and regaled by every one on the ship.

Ginger engages him to rescue her from two fake engineers who are trying to obtain possession of a mine she owns in the Balkans. How Oakie proves his sincerity, and helps and wins the girl is a rousing series of laugh moments.

No Oakie starring picture is complete without a song put over by the star in his own inimitable way. Those who remember his singing of "Alma Mammy" in "Sweetie" will look forward to hearing him sing, "I Wish I Could Sing A Love Song" in "The Sap From Syracuse."

"A FREE SOUL."

One night he would play Romeo. When the stock company took up its stand in another town to play "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Clark Gable would glue on a moustache and appear as the villain.

Gable is now reaping the reward, for his experience has proved of untold value in a rising screen career. Gable was one "find" who was untroubled with talkie or camera fright.

After making "The Painted Desert" for Pathe, he was given a long-term contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and was featured

in "The Easiest Way" with Constance Bennett, in "Dance, Fools, Dance" with Joan Crawford, and in "The Secret Six" with Wallace Beery.

In Miss Shearer's new drama "A Free Soul" which will return to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, Gable has the role of a fascinating gambler who makes it difficult for the heroine to decide whom she prefers, the daring gambler or the society sportsman, played by Leslie Howard. Lionel Barrymore deserted directing to play the powerful character role of the drunken father and the cast also includes James Gleason and Lucy Beaumont.

"SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK."

The largest school ever in session on a motion picture lot recently held daily recitations on an empty stage at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

One hundred and fifty boys and girls from kindergarten to high school age attended classes daily between scenes of Buster Keaton's newest comedy, "Sidewalks of New York," which will be shown from Friday at the Queen's Theatre.

Whenever children are engaged in pictures, the studio maintains a schoolroom for them and registered teachers keep them abreast of their school work. The present crowd was too large for the regular Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer school, so a stage was utilised.

The film was started shortly before school closed for the Summer vacation. Until that time the film youngsters exchanged their regular public city schools for the one on the M-G-M lot.

"MERELY MARY ANN."

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"When I began my own film career eight years ago, things were bad enough for a greenhorn for there were around eighteen or twenty thousand extra players in Hollywood.

"When the Central Casting Bureau was organized, this huge army of extras was trimmed to a fraction of its former size, and the newcomer's chance were materially reduced.

The final blow came with talking pictures. "Ten or fifteen perhaps make good—out of the uncounted thousands who descend yearly on Filmland in spite of the warnings of the Hays organisation and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the producers' ones. For most of the gold that glitters in Hollywood is only iron pyrites—and the other name for that is 'fool's gold.'"

Without hesitation, a 14-year-old boy, John Bacon, of Warwick, Queensland, chopped off a finger of his right hand after a snake had buried its fangs in it. His prompt action probably saved his life.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
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Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Peninsula, Hong Kong and Regulus Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "The Virtuous Sin."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Politics."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Sap from Syracuse."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Fighting Caravans."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Locked Door."

To-day—Harmatons' Circus, opposite Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Home Mails.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Nipponkai (Katori Maru); Outwards for Europe via Marseilles (Terukuni Maru), 6 p.m.

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"There is great satisfaction with our National Government and the way the people voted," he went on. "There is the unanimous opinion in America that we are tackling our job."

"I have never seen America so depressed. They have got no faith in anything; no faith in the best of their stocks."

"All the time I have been there United States Steel has been falling."

"The gambling boom is finished. Everybody was interested in stocks and shares, but they were never interested in dividends. They only talk about capital increment."

"Now they have to sell out at any price, for they bought on margins and have not the money to pay, even for the margins."

"You cannot get the people of the Middle West to think that they are not going to get full reparations."

"They do not understand the European situation. They just know that they are owed money, and think they should get it back. They do not realise that this is impracticable."

Economy.

"Their factories are all doing badly. The output of cars has fallen from 35,000 to 7,000 a day. Steel works are down about 25 per cent on production, and for the first time in my life I have seen the Americans really economising, shutting off their electric light in their offices, and so on."

"They are trying to carry their unemployment on charity. Charity over there is now amounting almost to coercion. It cannot be done that way, and no doubt they will have to come to a dose system, although they have been criticising our dose system for years."

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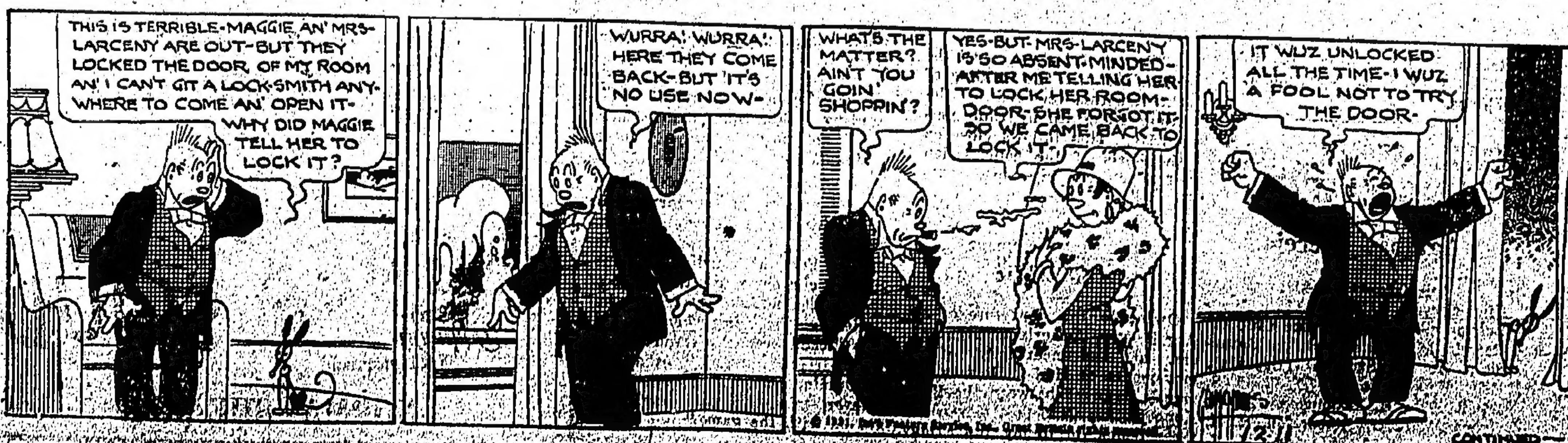


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TEN WICKETS VICTORY.

Adelaide, Yesterday.
Australia won the fourth Test here to-day when they defeated South Africa by ten-wickets. Expected resistance from Mitchell, Taylor and Christy was not, however, supported by the remaining eight batsmen who collected but 32 runs between them.

Requiring 205 to save the innings defeat the South Africans were only able to set their opponents 70 runs for victory. This Woodfull and Ponsford found a simple matter.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—

South Africa—1st Innings.	
S. J. Currow, c Ponsford, b Grimmett	20
B. Mitchell, c and b McCabe	75
J. A. J. Christy, b O'Reilly	7
H. W. Taylor, c Rigg, b Grimmett	78
H. B. Cameron, l.b.w., b Grimmett	52
D. P. B. Morkel, c and b Grimmett	0
K. Viljoen, c and b Grimmett	0
C. L. Vincent, l.b.w., b O'Reilly	49
Q. McMillan, b Grimmett	19
N. L. Quinn, c Ponsford, b Grimmett	1
A. J. Bell, not out	2
Extras	6

Total 308

Bowling:—S. McCabe 1 for 34; O'Reilly 2 for 74; C. V. Grimmett 7 for 116.

Australia—First Innings.	
W. M. Woodfull, c Morkel, b Bell	82
W. H. Ponsford, b Quinn	5
D. G. Bradman, not out	299
A. F. Kippax, run out	0
S. McCabe, c Vincent, b Bell	2
W. Rigg, c Taylor, b Bell	35
W. A. Oldfield, l.b.w., b Vincent	23
C. V. Grimmett, b Bell	21
Hunt, c Vincent, b Quinn	0
O'Reilly, b Bell	23
Thurlow, run out	0
Extras	23

Total 513

Bowling:—Bell 5 for 142; Quinn 2 for 114; Vincent 1 for 110.

South Africa—Second Innings.

B. Mitchell, c Thurlow, b Grimmett	95
S. J. Currow, b McCabe	3
J. A. J. Christy, b Grimmett	51
H. W. Taylor, b O'Reilly	84
H. B. Cameron, b O'Reilly	4
C. L. Vincent, b Grimmett	5
K. Viljoen, b Grimmett	1
D. P. B. Morkel, b Grimmett	15
Q. McMillan, c Hunt, b Grimmett	3
N. L. Quinn, b Grimmett	1
A. J. Bell, not out	0
Extras	12

Total 274

Bowling:—S. McCabe 1 for 51; O'Reilly 2 for 81; C. V. Grimmett 7 for 83.

THE HONG KONG C.C. ELEVENS.

Holiday Cricket.

The following teams will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in their matches over the Chinese New Year holidays.

The first eleven against United Services at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Monday.

H. Owen Hughes (Captain), H. J. Armstrong, A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, R. H. Griffiths, D. McLehlan, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. E. Richardson, L. T. Ride, G. R. Sayer, and R. M. Wood.

The second eleven against the University at Pokfulam.

R. S. W. Paterson (Captain), R. R. Davies, J. E. Davis, F. A. M. Elliott, E. W. J. Plummer, J. R. Rattan, L. B. Smith, W. Stoker, J. M. Sunley, J. R. Way, and L. A. Whippes.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. LEAGUE TEAM.

Against Recreio.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. and XI in their League match against the Club de Recreio at King's Park on Saturday—H. B. Stranges (Captain), B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Wood, S. Randle, W. H. Edwards, A. W. Grimmett, F. G. Robertson, R. H. Woodman, N. Bebbington, J. F. McGowan, and J. M. Wilson.

GUSH ABOUT GAMES

ABANDON TALK ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SPORT

(By R. H. Bruce Lockhart.)

Do international games make for international peace? Is the competitive spirit in sport a factor in the creation of international friendships?

The Geneva mind says yes. Earnest young men and brilliant athletes like Harold Abrahams and Douglas Lowe say yes. Old gentlemen, who believe that Waterloo was won on the playing fields of some obscure educational establishment and that a straight bat is an excuse for a vacuous mind, answer in the affirmative.

The noble army of martyrs who every four years endeavour to extract money from our pockets for the equipment of the British team at the Olympic Games plead the international spirit as an excuse for their importunity.

New Era Dreamers.
A blind and ignorant democracy, echoing the voice of the internationalists, says games will replace war. Teach the Latin, the Russian, the Portuguese, the Argentine, and the Slav to play games as the English and the Greeks used to play them, and peace and international brotherhood will reign upon the earth.

By games these advocates of a new era, which will make Locarno and the Kellogg Pact unnecessary, include such highly professionalised contests as the Olympic Games, football of both codes, lawn tennis, golf, international polo and even bridge.

Hear the voice of Mrs. Ely Culbertson, the heroine of the recent Anglo-American bridge Test, who, after praising the game "for its merits of teaching patience, fortitude, courage of thought, and the ability for taking decisions quickly and accurately," declares that "the world war to create a universal peace will be won through the ethics, the sportsmanship, and the common sense of bridge."

Our Sports Diary.

HOCKEY—To-day—University v. St. Andrew's Club.
Friday—Hong Kong Club II. v. Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 5 p.m.; Inclosure v. St. Andrew's Club at Caroline Hill.

GOLF—To-morrow—Completion of Fourth Round of Taggart Cup (Ladies).
Friday—Completion of Second Round of Ladies' Championship.
CRICKET—Saturday—Hong Kong C.C. v. United Services; Craigengower C.C. v. Indian R.C. (F.); Second Division—Police v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); University v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.).

FOOTBALL—Saturday—First Division—Borderers v. Police; Club v. Navy; St. Joseph's v. Kowloon; Second Division—University v. Navy Club v. Kowloon; 12th Battery v. Borderers; Third Division—R.E. v. Recreio; Borderers v. Radio; Chinese League—South China "A" v. Yee Woo; Sung Ching v. South China "B".

ASTON VILLA DRAW WITH GRIMSBY.

First Division League Football.

London, Yesterday.
In the only English League football match played to-day Aston Villa visited Grimsby, and forced a draw of two goals-all—Reuter.

RUGBY INTERPORT CANCELLED.

"Regret Interport must be cancelled" was the wording of the telegram received by the Hong Kong Rugby Club yesterday. This follows close on the heels of the cancellation of the Soccer Interport.

HOCKEY MATCHES CANCELLED.

Owing to the departure of the Astrakhan and Buthland Highlanders, and the uncertainty of the movements of H.M.S. Hermes, the games arranged between the Hong Kong Hockey Club and Astrakhan and Buthland Highlanders have been cancelled.

A little extravagant, you will say, yet no more exaggerated than the sentimental gush you will hear at any international sports dinner after a victory which the visiting team has been discreet enough to concede to the home side.

Spectators With Daggers.
It is against this gush and against this entirely false value which is attributed to games that I wish to register a mild protest. Twenty-five years' experience of games in every corner of the globe has made me cynical, and to-day I have come to regard the competitive spirit in international sport as one of the greatest potential factors of international discord, writes R. H. Bruce Lockhart in The Evening Standard.

Historical precedent is on my side. In the days of the Roman Empire the rival factions of the Blues and the Reds in the Constantinian circus nearly cost Justinian his throne, and both players and spectators were accustomed to appear at the festivals with daggers concealed under baskets of fruit. In the Middle Ages the stone-throwing contests at Perugia had to be abolished owing to the number of deaths, and the bridge game at Pisa—a glorious forerunner of the Rugby scrum—was abandoned because of the number of deaths it caused.

"Devilish" Football.

Our own history is full of diatribes against the evils of competitive sport which in the sixteenth century was inter-county rather than international. In Stubbs' "Anatomie of Abuses" (1583) football is described as "a devilish pastime, and hereof growth envy, rancour, and malice, and great effusion of blood."

Have we progressed beyond this point to-day? Frankly I doubt it. The one good thing that can be said about the Olympic Games is that they have not yet provoked a war. The day is not far distant when football may lead to war between the Argentine and Uruguay. It has already caused the sacking of a Legation, and my sympathies are with the manager of the French team in the Argentine who declared with the satisfaction of security: "We were diplomatic enough not to win."

I, myself, should not endeavour to referee, impartially, a football match between Czechoslovakia and Hungary without a machine-gun battalion on the touch-line.
If a French Bradman—! The visits of our professional teams to the Continent have produced every sentiment except that of peace and brotherhood, and why we continue to play France at Rugby football passes my comprehension.

International lawn tennis is little better and sooner or later will provoke an international scandal. We can also thank our stars that the Latins and even the Americans do not play cricket. I shudder to think what catastrophe might be caused by an l.b.w. decision against a French Bradman in Bordeaux or a cricketing Babe Ruth in New York.

Nothing is more ridiculous than the lamentation that our recent failures in international sport are a sign of national decadence. Let us abandon the whole sorry commercialised business in which the few rich men who can afford to play are swamped by the host of poor men who cannot afford to do anything else.

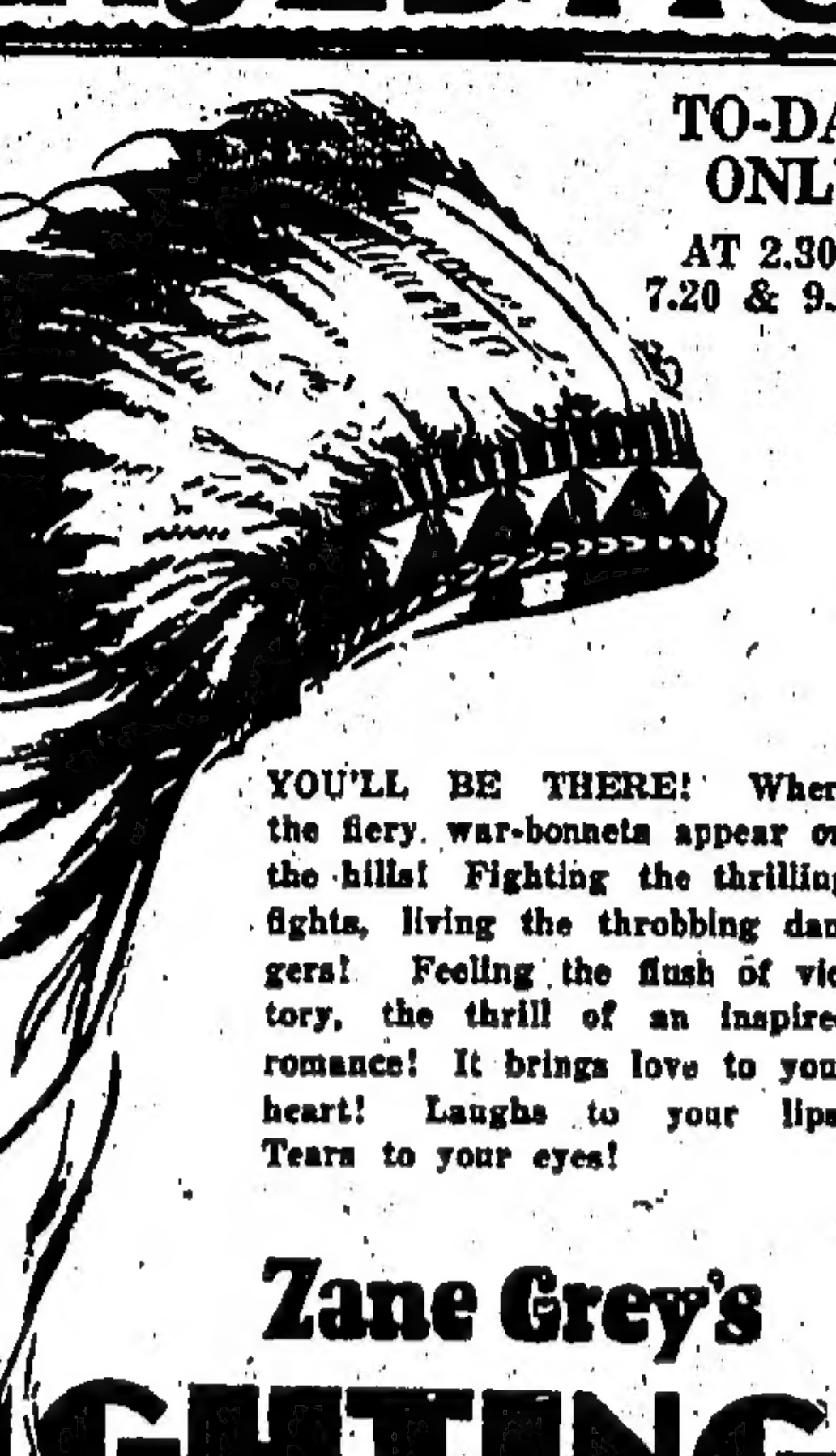
Games have a definite value in our lives provided that the "win, tie or wrangle" spirit is eliminated and provided that we recognize frankly that they are a miniature form of warfare excelled only, as Sir Robert Baden-Powell says, by the more glorious sport of man-hunting. For that reason games should be national and not international.

Keep To The Empire.

As far as we are concerned, our competitive contests should be confined to the Empire. An Englishman's best friend is a Canadian, an Australian can enter into the spirit of the Huddell's Mike Ryan, who in 1904 was the only man to have played for both sides in the same game. International sports are a waste of time and money, and should be abandoned.

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EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

Governor Opens New Wing.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW.

The new wing of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, was formally declared open by His Excellency the Governor yesterday afternoon. In asking Sir William to perform the ceremony, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, President of the Association, said:

Mr. Shenton said: Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen:— On May 7 last I had the privilege of presiding at the ceremony when Your Excellency graciously laid the foundation stone of our new wing—today I am happy to be occupying a similar position, and to witness a further demonstration of Your Excellency's goodwill towards and continued interest in our Association.

Before giving you a short description of the new wing and the accommodation we are providing for our members and their friends, it is the wish of all of us interested in the Y.M.C.A. work, that I should state how much we appreciated Your Excellency's kindness in coming over to Kowloon last May and laying our foundation stone, and how much we are indebted to you to-day for performing the opening ceremony. We know only too well how much of your time is taken up with your official duties, and how little is left to you for relaxation, consequently we consider it a particular honour that you should be with us again to-day.

I will not dwell on our past history—I dealt with it at considerable length last May, and I will confine myself to the present.

As I look around I am glad to see with us our old friend and past President the Honourable Sir Henry Pollock. It is just about two years ago that Sir Henry went down the gangway of the Y.M.C.A. leaving me at the helm. I am glad to say Sir Henry is now about to return, and will shortly be at the wheel again. We shall all be delighted to see him back in his old place, and we offer him our continued support.

Cost Of The Wing.

The cost of the new wing will be \$158,000 and the furnishing \$12,750, of which I am glad to say we have already been able to pay \$22,635, leaving \$148,115 still owing. It is interesting to note that the cost of the building is within \$4,000 of the original estimate, and that Messrs. Lam Woo's bill for extras does not exceed \$1,000. I think we can say that the costing was distinctly accurate.

We have been able to carry out our scheme because of the generous treatment we have received from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and we tender them our sincere thanks.

The building has four storeys. The ground floor consists of a swimming bath with the necessary adjuncts, such as showers, dressing

rooms, heating and filtration plants. The bath is 75 feet in length, 25 feet in width, and with a depth varying from 3½ to 8 feet. Its capacity is approximately 60,000 gallons. For the purification of the water and the heating of it for winter use an elaborate scheme is being installed. It consists of a centrifugal pump, alum apparatus, twin boilers (Canday pattern), boiler, chlorinator, air compressor and aerator, the whole with the capacity of circulating 8,000 gallons per hour. The highest medical authorities assure us that this method of water purification is quite satisfactory, and I may say that there are many similar systems already in operation.

The bath will be available for the use of civilian members, members of the Services and a ladies' section. Particulars can be obtained at our Association's office.

The First Floor.

The first floor consists of a dining room, and a lounge hall; the latter will be for the use of members, and for the Navy, Army, and Air Force section, for lectures, dances and other forms of entertainments. It will also be available to the new ladies' section in the morning and afternoon.

Perhaps I should have explained earlier that the Directors, having provided the Association's building with such valuable equipment and facilities, thought it but right that these should be made available for as large a use as possible, and with this object in view and in deference to many requests, they have decided to form a ladies' section.

The second and third floors consist of 30 bedrooms; 26 of these new rooms are already occupied, and the remaining four have been reserved for transients, so it would really be correct to state that all are already occupied. The demand for these rooms is proof that the Directors have not overbuilt, and that we are able to fill all the accommodation we have at our disposal.

In addition to the new facilities which I have already mentioned, we have provided two squash racket courts, which we believe will be much appreciated.

The ground floor of the old building will be almost entirely given over to the Services, the members' billiard room having been removed to the first floor. These arrangements will provide a billiard room, a reading room, and a much better dining room than is now provided for the Services.

Attractive Design.

The building is now an accomplished fact, and here for every one to see. I desire to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to our architects, Messrs. Leigh and Orange, for their attractive design and the excellence of the work executed, and in doing so I wish to include in the encomiums our contractors, Messrs. Lam Woo. It is interesting to know that Messrs. Lam Woo are not only responsible for the whole of our buildings, but also for the two Chinese

Y.M.C.A. buildings on the Island.

Having completed our scheme in connection with the west wing, and having already found a real demand for all the facilities at our disposal, our thoughts naturally turn to an east wing—our policy must always be one of conservative progress, for nothing is static—if we don't go on we shall go back, and surely an Association such as ours should have a couple of wings.

The world is suffering not so much from bad design as from drift. The urgent need in large affairs, and in small, is for men who can and will stop the drift, who will take charge, who, instead of accepting circumstances and waiting for the "inevitable" will control events to a desired result.

Personal Compliments.

We have such men in our employment. Mr. John Hunt, O.B.E., our Secretary, Mr. A. W. Ingram, our Assistant Secretary and I believe Mr. Selk who has recently joined us as an extra Assistant Secretary, particularly in charge of amusements. There is also Mr. J. L. MacPherson who has been in control of our new west wing from its inception, and who has year after year assisted us with our undertaking without reward or remuneration, and whose life-long work has been a labour of love for the Y.M.C.A., and the principles for which it stands.

I will now ask Your Excellency to be so good as to declare the new west wing open. After this has been done the buildings can be inspected by our visitors, and there will be a display of diving and swimming in the new swimming bath. (Applause.)

Governor's Address.

His Excellency said in part:— I congratulate the Association on the successful completion of this wing, and I also congratulate the architects and contractor. The design is simple, and utility has been the main objective. As I stated when laying the foundation stone, the building possesses a character of its own, and cannot be said to be really overshadowed by the large neighbouring structure. That remark is still more true to-day. The Young Men's Christian Association sets out to cater for moral, mental and physical requirements, and as there is no doubt that a combination of the three gives the greatest contentment, the principles of the Association are undoubtedly sound. These principles have been observed in the scheme of this building.

Swimming.

I especially congratulate the Association on erecting a suitable swimming bath. I have never lived anywhere where bathing and swimming forms such an essential part of the life of the community. All the world and his wife seem to want to bathe and swim. Government is often criticised if there is any rumour of the closing of a bathing bench, but Government is not really the callous brute that it is sometimes pictured to be. It is only reasonable to point out that Hong Kong is not primarily a watering place, and that while such facilities are desirable, and Government is anxious to help, it is sometimes unavoidable that they should be established further out, and not in the busy industrial centres. Government has under consideration the question of affording facilities in place of those which may have to be done away with. For instance it is hoped that it will be possible to develop Laichikok Bay, which is already on one of the bus routes. Meanwhile this swimming bath will be a boon, especially to members of the Services.

I now have very great pleasure in declaring this wing open, and in wishing it a prosperous future. Bishop Duppy dedicated the building in a short prayer.

His Excellency was presented with a key as a memento of the occasion.

After the ceremony, the new swimming bath was inaugurated with an exhibition of diving and a water polo game between the Royal Artillery and the Y.M.C.A.

LIFE IN 1950**Sir H. Allen's Whimsical Predictions.**

Whimsical predictions of life in 1950 were made by Sir Hugh Allen in a speech at a conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians in London. He suggested that in future everything would be run by corporations similar to the B.C. People will be cradled by a British brains control, named by a British brains company, married under a bride and bridegroom convention and buried by a British burial company. They will have baths from a British bath company and go to work by the British bus company. "Television will let us see the world. There will be no pictures on walls,

GUSH ABOUT GAMES.

(Continued from Page 4.)

The ethics of Rugby football are beyond the comprehension of every foreigner. Indeed, they do not always restrain the fists of Englishmen, and they have never descended to the feet of Scotsmen. Let us drop all this rot about decadence. In teaching games to the rest of the world we have given them a valuable lesson which they are now in process of abusing. Let them continue to abuse it to their heart's content, but for goodness' sake let us keep our games in their proper place.

If America chooses to segregate her athletes, to feed them on special diet, to produce long jumpers, who are all legs and no body, and golfers who live, dream, breathe and sleep golf the whole round of the clock, by all means let her do so.

Our Chance To Work.

Let us abandon the Walker Cup, the America's Cup, the Westchester Cup, the Olympic Games, the degrading football matches with Continental nations, and all the senseless expenditure which these international contests entail.

It is not a question of sour grapes, but of sound common sense. The more time and effort foreign nations waste on international sport the better chance for us to put our national affairs in order. The day when Germany decides to close her Stock Exchange on Saturday in order to play games will be the day for our golfing stockbrokers to get down to work. As for "the patience, fortitude and courage of thought" taught by bridge, cannot we acquire these qualities in plenty from our daily work without prattling about the international virtues of painted pasteboards?

Let us be honest with ourselves. Above all, let us abandon this foolish talk about the international brotherhood of sport. It is all bunk any way. Games in their own place are a healthy recreation. International contests are an unhealthy excitement, which will take the place of war only because they have become more dangerous.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.	
Straits	U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Sah)
Jan. 5)	Pres. Van Buren
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	
Manila	Taiyo Maru
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.	
Japan	Bokuyo Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San)	President Grant
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Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek 1.30 p.m.
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Bangkok	Ardent 5 p.m.
Saigon	Borneo 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Asia (Due Vancouver B.C. Feb. 21) Parcels Feb. 3, 5 p.m. Registration Feb. 4, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.	
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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1932.

"Neutrality."

Taking advantage of the fact that neither Japan nor China has made a formal declaration of war, publicists and Pressmen outside of those two countries are displaying the utmost contempt for the ethics of neutrality regarding the crisis. Without taking the trouble to verify any of the allegations emanating from the two disputants, they rush into print with absolutely biased comments, whilst even some of those gentlemen of the Press known as cable editors are not above giving extra colour to the "news" by partisan head lines and cross head lines. There is time yet for a saner perspective of the whole situation, disquieting though it undoubtedly is at the moment.

The right of China and Japan to give to the world their own individual versions of occurrences in China must inevitably be conceded. Outsiders have to take these at their face value, allowing always for natural bias. But both Japan and China must each to-day, be wondering to-day who are their real friends in the Chancelleries of Europe and America and in the offices of foreign newspapers and news agencies. Hot to-day, cold to-morrow, and lukewarm the day after, on one side or the other, it would almost appear as if a section of the world's journalism has fallen a too ready prey to the wiles of the propagandists in the Far East. As special—specious may be a better term—pleading, it may be argued that they have to deal with such material as emanates from the opposing parties and

exercise their own discretion in the matter of comment. Up to a certain prescribed limit that type of reasoning may hold water; but the heavens will not fall if voluntary comment is deferred until they are in an indisputable position, 1,000, 10,000, or 15,000 miles from the scene of conflict to gauge what are facts and what are allegations. There is too great a tendency to condemn one side or the other as guilty before they have been proved innocent, or vice versa, to deem one side or the other to be innocent until they have been proved guilty. This procedure must of a surety be hampering the labours of the genuine peace makers in Japan and China, as well as throwing the pacifists in foreign countries in a fog of doubt and misapprehension regarding actualities as opposed to assertions. There is time yet for a saner perspective of the whole situation, disquieting though it undoubtedly is at the moment.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday up to 4 p.m. was 54 degrees. The humidity was 70 at 10 a.m. and 73 at 4 p.m.

The total output of the Kallan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended January 16 amounted to 114,433 metric tons, and the sales to 109,515 metric tons.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the Chairman submitted a minute relative to the hours regulating the sale of fruit in open markets in Hong Kong and Kowloon. By this, the usual closing hour of 8 p.m. is extended to 11.30 p.m.

The only business of public interest at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday was the consideration of an application in respect of fat boiling at 490, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, and there was discussion as to the general applicability of Offensive Trades Licences. The application was granted.

At the King's Theatre the next British news reels will be screened on Friday from 11.45 to 2 p.m. owing to extra showings of "Merry Mary Ann" on Saturday to Tuesday, inclusive, at 11.30 a.m. These morning screenings, for which special reduced prices will be charged, ought to attract great crowds of Chinese, during their New Year Festival.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Saigon on account of Smallpox.

A private riksha, belonging to Mr. Kin-chee, of 125 Hennessy Road, is reported to be missing from Landale Street, Wanchai.

Personal Par.

Mr. Ronald Colman, film star, passed through the Colony yesterday on the M.M. s.s. D'Artagnan, in the course of a world tour. He had a stay of three hours, and sailed at six o'clock. He expects to be back in America in a few weeks' time. Mr. Colman is the star of "Bulldog Drummond," "Condemned" and "The Devil To Pay." His latest success is "The Unholy Garden" with Fay Wray.

GENERALLY CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this forenoon states:

The anti-cyclone central over N.E. China has strengthened. A depression to the E.S.E. of Tokyo is moving Eastward.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; generally cloudy.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Total since January 1—nil 1.53 inches—deficit 1.58 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	63
Macao	65
Pratas Island	70
Manila	72
Foochow	60
Amoy	61
Chefoo	29
Shanghai	36

MONEY LEFT.

Retired Master
Mariner.

\$90,400 IN COLONY.

Mr. Samuel Bell Smith, retired master mariner, who died at East Lutton, near Malton, Yorkshire, on January 22, 1931, left estate in the Colony amounting to \$90,400. His home estate is valued at £3,853. Re-sealing of certified copy of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master attorney for deceased's brother, Mr. F. H. Smith, of Wold Newton, Yorkshire, one of the executors. Power is reserved for making a similar grant to the Westminster Bank the other executor.

Local estate amounting to \$156,800 (net personality at Home \$16,312) was left by Mr. Walter Ross, formerly of Forbes, Morayshire, late of Saigon, who died in Saigon on April 23, 1931. Re-sealing of testamentary has been granted to Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation here. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London are appointed executors.

PROTEST LODGED
WITH JAPANESE.USURPATION OF MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITY.

Shanghai, To-day.
Despatched at 3.58 a.m.)
It was reliably reported early this morning that the Defence Council of the Settlement had handed the Japanese, late last evening, a protest against alleged independent military action within the Settlement.

The report adds that the Municipal Government of the Settlement has communicated with the Japanese authorities demanding restoration of the functions of the Municipal Government at Hongkew, where Japanese militarists have assumed control superseding the Settlement authority and dislocating in that area all of the Settlement's normal functions of Government including policing and administration of justice. Reuters' Pacific Service.

FAR EAST
SITUATION.Precis of Main
Overnight Cables.

Chapel came under bombardment again on Tuesday, and 2,000 Japanese marines were massed in preparation for an attack.

15,000 Chinese troops are reported to be concentrated in Chapel and to its westward side, and Chinese military authorities say they are determined to drive the Japanese out of Shanghai.

Japanese Consular officials and nationals have left Wuhu for Japan.

At a meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, yesterday, Mr. J. H. Thomas, on behalf of Britain, said: It was impossible to allow the present situation in the Far East to continue, without confidence being lost in the Covenant, Pact of Paris, and Nine Power Treaty; that the British and U.S. Governments had decided to co-operate in bringing the present lamentable situation to an end, and hoped other Powers would also co-operate.

To achieve the purpose in view, Mr. Thomas proposed:

- (1) all acts of violence and preparations for hostilities shall end.
- (2) disputants in Shanghai withdraw their troops to a neutral zone.
- (3) peace parleys be instituted at once.

Trans-Atlantic Phone

Conversation.

London, Yesterday.

Sir John Simon and Mr. Stimson conferred on the trans-Atlantic telephone this evening.

Subject to be Raised in

Parliament.

Mr. Lansbury has decided to raise again the question of Japanese action to-morrow.

Members of the House of Commons are disinclined to comment on the situation, as they are anxious to maintain an impartial attitude.—Reuters.

TRAITORS AND
POLITICAL CRIMINALSDrastic Action by
National Government.

"BOY" EMPEROR HEADS LIST.

Nanking, Jan. 20.
It is reported in official circles that drastic action will shortly be taken by the National Government to deal with traitors and political criminals who are attempting to restore the Manchurian regime in Manchuria under the protection of the Japanese.

Topping the list of traitors is the name of Henry Pu Yi, the former "boy" emperor, warrants for whose arrest and others will be issued in accordance with the law. Among the other traitors are Pu Wei, Cheng Hsiao-shu, Chin Liang, Chin Pi-tung, Hsi Hsia, Tsai Li, Tsai Tao, Chao Hsin-po, Chao Chung-jen and Hsu To. The names of Tsang Shih-i and Chang Ching-hui, puppet chairman of the Liaoning and Heilungkiang Provincial Governments, will also be included.

North-eastern residents at the Capital have repeatedly urged the Central authorities to issue such warrants so as to prevent the adherents of the "restoration" clique at Peiping and Tientsin co-operating with the enemy in disturbing peace and order in the North. They further requested that notifications be issued at the same time to the various Powers informing them that these traitors have been deprived of all civic rights, in order that disputes arising as a result of treaties concluded by them with foreign powers may be avoided.—Kuo Min.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Another armed robbery is alleged to have taken place early this morning in Kowloon, but the Police have reasons to think that the report is a fabrication.

ROUND THE
POLICE COURTS.

(Kowloon Magistracy).

Committed to Assizes.
The case against Man Chuen, the Chinese who is charged with having received stolen property, alleged to have been the proceeds of an armed robbery committed at No. 165, Portland Street, came to a conclusion this morning when he was committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

Making a statement from the box, defendant said "Those things are not mine. They were given to me by someone."

CHINESE WOMAN
FOUND DEAD.Was She Killed by a
Motor Vehicle?

The body of an unknown Chinese woman was found at midnight last night, lying in Prince Edward Road near house No. 300. Mystery surrounds the circumstances of her death, but it is believed to have been caused by either jumping off a motor vehicle that was in motion, or by being knocked down. The body was later removed to the Kowloon mortuary.

A SLIPPERY TRICK!

Story of 45 Strings of
Oyster!

Cheng Ka-shing, was selling oysters at the Un Long Market yesterday, when an unknown Chinese bargained for 45 strings of oysters. He asked Cheng to take the oysters to Hong Kong. This was done. On arrival on the island Cheng left the oysters at a hawk's stall, whilst he accompanied the would-be purchaser to change some money. In Second Street Cheng lost his "purchaser," and on returning to the stall, discovered that the oysters, valued at \$35, had disappeared!

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The second programme of Harmston's Royal Menagerie and Circus, had a great reception last night when a large crowd was present. With the exception of one or two of the most popular turns, the programme has had a complete revision since last week, and if anything is better entertainment than the preceding programme.

DYNAMITE ON A JUNK.

(Continued from Page 1.)

dant utter the words "yum cha" to the detective, and later the second defendant approached the Inspector, and it is alleged, put a \$50 note into his hand. The second defendant seemed to be acting on the first defendant's suggestions. As Inspector Stimson was about to arrest the man, the latter took the bank note out of his hand, and put it into the Inspector's breast pocket. Being in mid-harbour and fearing that the defendants might jump overboard, he beckoned to them, under the pretext of making "arrangements." The defendants came forward and they were instantly arrested.

After evidence had been given by Insp. Stimson and the Chinese detective, Chan Sau, the hearing was adjourned to to-morrow morning.

To-day's Thought.

There is no wealth like a fine collection of congenial friends.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of February 3, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6 1/2. About 11 o'clock last night a plater working on the China Navigation steamer Huichow at No. 2 slipway, Taitoo Dock, received a blow on the head from which he later died. The unknown assailant has not yet been arrested. As the man was following his legitimate occupation at the time and it has not been affected by the present industrial trouble, the attack does not seem to have any connection with the strike.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PAWNSHOPS

Variety, the spice of life, should surely be the slogan of all pawn and antique shops, for there are few of us humans who can resist the joy of a bargain or the zest of a hunt. Curiosity shops supply both and I have spent pleasant hours in Borneo nosing round the Chinese pawnshops—their Eastern equivalent. Having climbed up a dark and rickety staircase one is ushered into a room with floor and shelves piled with brass caskets, jars and trays, oblong and round. They all bear pathetic little labels on which are written the names of the owners who yet hope to claim them when the loan and its exorbitant interest are paid off. Only when the goods become "jalap"—which means forfeited by non-payment—can the would-be purchaser carry off his bargain. Sometimes he may have to wait a year for some treasure which is in and out of pawn according to the state of its owner's pocket, writes E. I. in the Singapore Free Press.

Many a wild-geese chase, however, were we led when the natives learnt that we were prepared to buy old jars, plates and so on. On one occasion a tempting bait was dangled before us. Word was brought in that an ancient dish, reputed to have been treasured by generations of Sulus, was at our disposal in an out-lying village. Hoping that we might be on the track of an heirloom of Coladon, Ming or what not, dating from the Chinese occupation some 500 years back, the men folk rose to the bait and started off. After miles of sloggish through the jungle the village was reached and, after many preliminaries, the treasure was produced from its voluminous wrappings to reveal a large oval meat dish, chipped and of the commonest white earthenware. We could only suppose that its oval shape and unusual size, in a country where large British joints of meat were unknown, had caused it to be an unwanted detail of an Eastern dinner service though eagerly pounced on as an embellishment of a native house. But occasionally our luck was in. One day we arrived in an outstation on the monthly tour of inspection and were told that three Sulu coats-of-mail had been turned upon amongst the lumber of a Chinese shop and were lying in the pawnshop for sale. They were indeed interesting and beautiful pieces of handwork, probably 200 years old, made of small plaques of buffalo horn linked together by chain mail. We bought them all, though they were anything but cheap, but very handsome they looked when verdigris and rust were rubbed off.

In the course of time we unearthed several good pieces of Chinese porcelain from the dim recesses of some pawnshops in out-of-the-way places. Once we picked up, for a few dollars, a tall Kien Lung jar sprinkled with delicate rosebuds and butterflies, and we also found Ming plates which have been much admired now that they hang on our walls in the South of France.

It is not only in the Far East that we have fallen to the joy of the hunt, the second-hand shops in the Mid still repay a visit. We often look round amongst the medley of

furniture, old pictures and prints, Provencal quilted coverlets, china, and brass and copper pots and pans. Some of this old Italian copper is very attractive and we were greatly tempted to buy an enormous pierced copper brazier on a high stand, for we pictured it glowing with charcoal in a corner of our drawing room. Another temptation was a glass vase, tumbler-shaped with a flowery base—the flowers were moulded or blown into the glass. It was so solid and heavy that not even the gusts of a sudden monsoon gale would have upset it. The owner said it was unique in France and I could have it for 100 francs. Lying out in the overcrowded yard glowed the translucent green of a few 'bom-boms,' those narrow-necked balloons of glass, protected by a covering of plaited osiers, that are used for storing wine. I can remember one brilliant March morning, the first I had spent in France, turning out of a dark corner in a village street and seeing an old man, clad in blue, deftly twisting the osiers around one of these green globes which caught the dazzling spring sunshine. An ingenious friend of ours bought two of these 'bom-boms' and converted them into globes of pale green light by a clever arrangement of electric bulbs. They stand in niches on either side of the fireplace and complete the pale green and rose of her colour scheme.

We put one of our purchases, a handsome warming-pan, to good purpose on cold nights when, filled with glowing embers, it warms our beds in the good old-fashioned way beloved of Dickens's generation. Sometimes we take our friends on these hunts and it is not always in curiosity shops that we dig up treasures. We were on the look out for a door knocker intended for a house in the middle west of America and had drawn blank in several attempts in Aix and elsewhere on this trip. In Aries however, where we were exploring with these American friends, we left the car outside a shop decorated with the sign, "Serurerie" (Locksmith). It seemed an unlikely spot but we wandered in and asked if they had such a thing as a door knocker. The sallow, Spanish-looking proprietor might have been expecting us, for he dived without hesitation into a drawer and produced the only one he had in the shop—a hand-made knocker in iron filigree, black with age. He assured us of the excellence of its workmanship and expatiated upon its antiquity and of the lost art that flourished when this particular piece was probably made, in about the fifteenth century. Fifty francs changed hands and our friends became the proud possessors of a really striking souvenir, while we rejoiced that the wheels of happy chance had dropped us so fortuitously at the door of this unsuspected curiosity shop.

Rosetta and Vivian Duncan, the "Duncan Sisters," who have filed their petition in bankruptcy, are now threatened with a judge's warrant from the Los Angeles bench to ensure their attendance in court. Pleading illness, they had failed to appear with the statement of their assets and liabilities.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Trading Practically Suspended.

RATES NOMINAL.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: With the approach of China New Year trading to all intents and purposes is practically suspended, and rates are more or less nominal.

Buyers.

Douglases, \$24.
Benguets, \$11 1/4.
Yenz. Goldfields, \$2.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Singapore Tractions, 3/-.
Mackintosh, \$19.

Sellers.

Indo-China (Pref.), \$45.
Indo-China (Def.), \$32.
Raubs, \$39.
Malabons, \$38.
S. C. Enterprises, \$10.

HIS ENEMY'S SWORD.

About the "Knightly Chivalry" of a Briton.

High tribute is being paid in the Berlin newspapers to the "knightly chivalry" of a British officer.

This is the story they are telling, as given by the Exchange: Near Ypres in 1914 Baron Wilhelm von Lersner was at the head of a German patrol when he was captured by a party of British troops under "Lieutenant Marx."

The Baron's sword was taken from him, but "Lieutenant Marx" handed it back to him. Then the Baron asked the Lieutenant to keep it for him until after the war. He did so.

And now, 17 years after, "Lieutenant Marx" has succeeded in finding Baron von Lersner and has returned the sword through the British Military Attache in Berlin.

Wing-Commander Now. "Lieutenant Marx" (writes an Evening News correspondent) is Wing-Commander R. L. G. Marx, D.S.O. He is engaged in the Organisation Department of the Air Ministry, and he was principal R.A.F. representative on the Schneider Trophy Committee this year.

In those days of 1914 he was in the 3rd Squadron, R.N.A.S., under the famous Commander C. R. Samson. He had gone to Belgium with the squadron in the very early days of the war, at the age of 25.

On October 8, 1914, he flew a Sopwith Tabloid to Duesseldorf, and diving down 600 feet completely destroyed Zeppelin Z9.

His machine was heavily damaged by fire, but Marx managed to fly back to within 20 miles of Antwerp.

A borrowed cycle and the foot-board of a train were the means he used to get into Antwerp, where he arrived the night that orders were given to British forces to vacate the city.

A Chase and Capture. Young Marx was given a new machine and was detailed to carry out an air reconnaissance near Ypres with another officer in another machine.

The two British machines landed to the South of Ypres, and hearing that a body of Germans, with two British prisoners, were in a chateau half a mile away, decided to try to rescue them.

On the way, with six marines, Marx was fired upon by a Uhlan squadron. The fire was returned and the Germans galloped off, except an officer and a trooper, both of whom had fallen from their horses.

Marx chased the two Germans on foot across a field, pistol shots being exchanged as they ran.

The two Germans were caught. The officer was Baron von Lersner. And then followed the incident of the sword.

The Hon. Mr. Tan Cheng Lock of Malacca, who has been re-nominated to the Straits Settlements Legislative Council for a further period of three years, is entering upon his tenth year as a Council member for that Settlement. His record of public service is already a distinguished one.

THE FIRST SCHOOL STORY!

SARAH FIELDING AND "THE GOVERNESS" LEAD THE WAY TO THE GREAT AGE OF STORY-TELLING FOR CHILDREN.

Nearly 200 years ago Sarah Fielding, sister of Henry Fielding and devoted admirer of Samuel Richardson, sat down to write the first school story. She was not inspired by the thought of the Christmas market and large sales; but she did hope that the book would do something towards relieving that "distress in her circumstances" which, as she had written five years before in her Introduction to her story, David Simple, was "the best excuse that can be made for a woman writing at all." She had no idea that, like her brother and "dear Mr. Richardson," she was to send out a new literary form, the pattern of which was to be copied by a long chain of writers through the ages that were to follow.

A Prim Portrait.

Yet so it was, as an examination of her book, *The Governess*, or the Little Female Academy, will show. Miss Fielding worked on a simple and definite plan. She fixed her eyes on a certain small portion of the Picture of Life, as she saw it. This portion she enclosed with firmly drawn lines, cutting it off inexorably from all that lay beyond. Then with the same firm and heavy hand, she proceeded to go over the outlines of the figures within the frame she had made.

In the process the individual features were lost. Everything was slightly distorted and out of drawing, and the effect, though not actually grotesque, was stiff and unnatural. Next, Miss Fielding attended to the colouring of her picture. She applied the tint most in favour in her day—a drab morality—with an industrious brush, blotting out all natural hues and lifelike shading; and she presented her handiwork to her young readers as something that would make them "wiser and better."

The Schoolgirls' Idol.

The most prominent of the outlined figures was Mrs. Teachum, the Governess. She was "about forty years old, tall and genteel in her person, though somewhat inclined to fat. She had a lively and commanding eye, inasmuch that she naturally created an awe in all her little scholars; except when she condescended to smile and talk familiarly with them, and then there was something perfectly kind and tender in her manner." Here is the headmistress who has been the idol of hero-worshipping schoolgirls through many generations, and still keeps her place; though perhaps a modern writer

would scarcely venture to present a "fat" goddess for their adoration. Mrs. Teachum had only eight pupils, and these Miss Fielding carefully labelled. Their descendants, each garbed in the fashion of her day, have helped to fill all the schools in all school stories that have since been written. There was Miss Jenny Peace, pretty, amiable, and clever, the first of those adored head girls who in a thousand schools have queued it over a devoted following. The characters of the others may be, to some extent, inferred from their names—Miss Sukey Jennet, Miss Dolly Friendly, Miss Lucy Sly, Miss Patty Lockitt, Miss Nancy Spruce, Miss Betty Ford, Miss Honny Fret, and Miss Polly Suckling.

A great part of *The Governess* is made up of stories which the young ladies told or read to each other—all expressed in the most elegant language and all adequately supplied with a moral. The book was highly popular with girls of its own and several succeeding generations. During the next 30 years three new editions were called for, and in 1820 it was re-issued in a considerably altered form by Mrs. Sherwood, author of that immortal work, *The Fairchild Family*.

The "Awful Example."

The changes that Mrs. Sherwood made in *The Governess* were largely concerned with its colouring. She painted upon Miss Fielding's flat, drab surfaces the dark shadows and the lurid flames characteristic of the Evangelicalism of her day. She introduced the awful picture of the torments that awaited, in this world and the next, the girl who preferred play to lessons, or disobeyed those set in authority over her.

In its new form, and with a name revered by all seriously minded parents on its title-page, *The Governess* entered on a fresh term of popularity. For a long time it had no rivals of any note. Mr. Leicester's School, by Charles and Mary Lamb, published in 1807, was not really a school story, only a collection of tales told by Mrs. Leicester's pupils. In 1841 came *The Crofton Boys*, by Harriet Martineau, who had no creative power, and could not break down the conventions that were becoming so firmly established, and set the story free.

But the great age of the Victorian story-tellers had begun.

A WORD FOR ALGEBRA.

Teaching the Young Idea to Reason.

I don't know what Smith minor thinks about the attack on algebra that has just been made by Dr. Allington, the headmaster of Eton; but Smith minor had better not imagine that Dr. Allington was only saying what was in everybody's mind, writes an Evening News correspondent.

Dr. Allington, you remember, has told the headmasters' conference that he had not the faintest idea why he had been taught algebra, which seemed to him a pure waste of time, and that he thought algebra and Latin prose ought to be alternative subjects.

Smith minor, thinks, no doubt, that he could easily do without either. And he will be grieved to learn that there are still people ready to say a good word for algebra.

The Uses of A + B + C.

There is Ian Hay, for instance. Ian Hay has written so many funny novels and plays that people are forgetting that he was once a master at Fettes. He said:

"You might just as well talk about making eating and drinking alternative as about doing the same with algebra and Latin prose."

"If Dr. Allington had ever thought of entering any of the professions in which mathematics count—engineering, for instance—he would know better than to talk of algebra being useless."

Know the difficulties which attend the teaching of algebra? The tendency to teach the many smatterings of different subjects

But one can overdo the practical side of teaching.

Where Words Fail.

"The people who suggest founding the curriculum on modern languages don't realise that in practice modern languages mean French and German conversation, and that is no education at all."

"If one could have French and German language and literature studied like Latin and Greek it could be the basis of a real education."

"The same is true of mathematics. Whether or not you are going to be a chemist or an engineer, the study of subjects like geometry and algebra is of enormous value in training the formal reasoning faculty—the sense of logic."

Sir Percy Nunn, who is principal of the London Day Training College, holds the same views on the value of algebra.

"It teaches logic," he said, "and it trains children to get the idea of a problem or an equation into their heads."

A WIFE'S PLAINT.

Before Mr. Schofield in the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, hearing was commenced in the case in which Mrs. Mariam Farid, summoned her husband, Mr. Mohamed Farid, an Indian clerk in the employment of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, for alleged persistent cruelty and failure to maintain, since July 1929.

Mrs. G. K. Hall-Brutton appeared for the complainant, while Mr. Farid was defended by Mr. E. S. C. Brockman.

Complainant gave evidence, after which the hearing was adjourned. A decision will be given at a later date. A special Agent, Mr. J. M. M. M., can be an agent. The Prime Minister.

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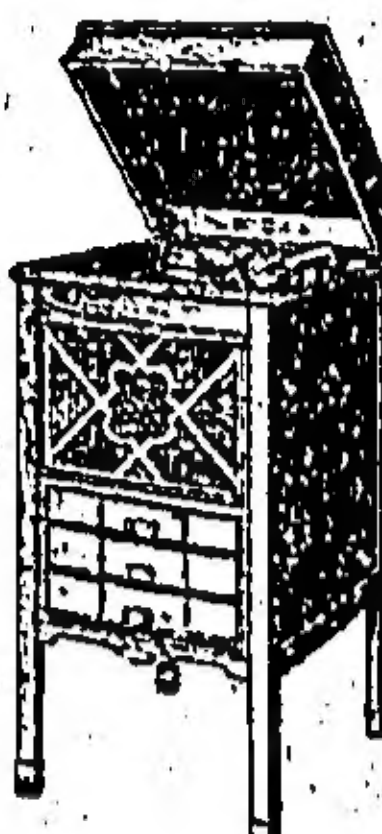
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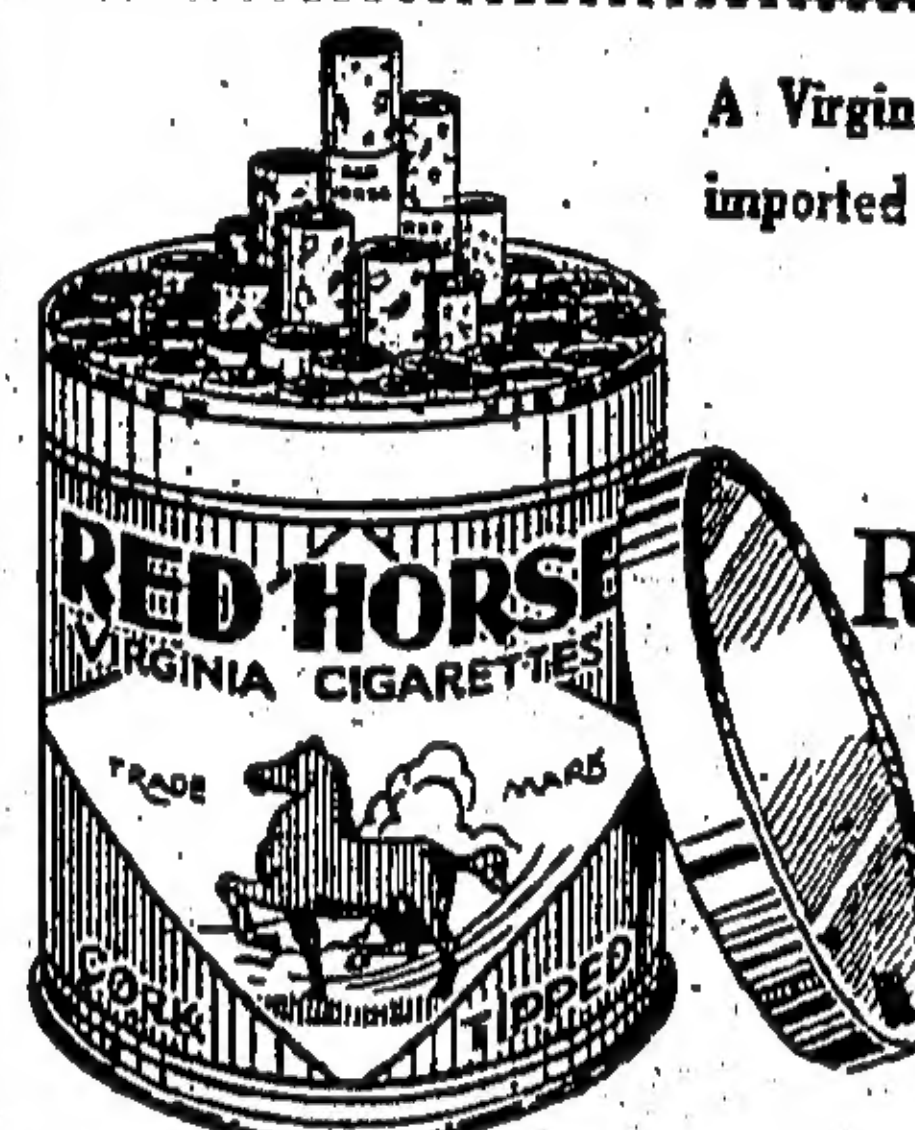


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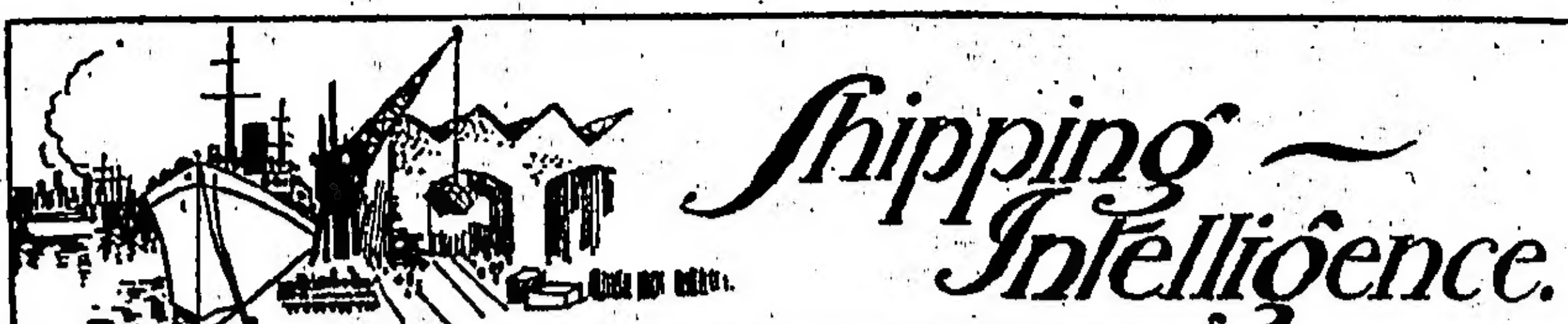
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Jealous of the influence they exerted over his small son, a workman at Deutsch-Schuetzenhof, near Glad, Czechoslovakia, shot his wife and her parents dead.

Baltic fishermen drove a whale 83 ft. long into the "ford" of Hader, Sweden, in Northern Schiering, and killed it. Its weight was estimated at nearly five tons.

Mr. Justice Hawks, in the King's Bench Division, giving a jurywoman permission to remove her hat: This is not a church, though it may sound like one sometimes.

LT. William Cooke, of the United States Army, by remaining in the air for 21h. 38min. at Honolulu, has broken the "world's" gliding record by seven hours.



LOADING ROUND THE SEVEN SEAS

A WINTER CRUISE OF EMPIRE.

I have always been fond of sea travel but never have I known it made so easy and pleasant as now to see the strange, far-off or near, alluring odd corners of the Seven Seas, writes Boyd Cable, the well-known author in the Morning Post.

Most of my sea tramping was not so simple and easy. I once made a long jaunt from New Zealand and Australia to Home, taking over a year to the trip, pottering along the Queensland tropical ports inside the Barrier Reef, round by Thursday Island and Port Darwin, making a slant up to the Philippines and the China Seas, down again to work along the Java ports to the Straits and Singapore, Sabang, Ceylon and the road Home.

That was a "pleasure cruise" indeed, with long lazy days at sea interspersed with calls into strange ports and fascinating glimpses of curious people, life and customs. In those waters you get unbroken days and nights of sunshine and velvet-blue star-dusted skies, seas as smooth as a millpond, only the soft breeze of the ship's progress to fan and cool you.

South Sea Islands.

But in these days I could not, as you can now, book a berth in the one ship and leave it to her to bring me to the ports of my desires. I had to chop and change from ship to ship, figure and ferret out each stage of my route and find a ship to take me over it, narrowly escape being marooned in a port which, after I landed, was declared a

"plague port," and closed to passenger ships.

Yet, rough and haphazard as the food and accommodation were at times in the coaster ships and cargo tramps I took over some stretches; I enjoyed every mile and minute of it.

The South Sea Islands were once another place attainable only after much cross-cross, zig-zag, bother, some business of transshipping, waits ashore for connecting boats, uncomfortable days and nights between some parts in smelly little cockroach-ridden old tubs that were near cousins to the Ark.

The islands were worth all the trouble I had to find them, and with anyone who sees them there must always remain memory-pictures of bottle-green waters breaking in creamy surf along the coral reefs, still lagoons reflecting like mirrors the dazzling white beach, the fringing circle of cool green trees and clustered palms, of colourful native life, flower-garlanded girls dancing, or men, women and children playing like dolphins in the water.

To me it is still rather fantastic that you can now walk down a grey city street into a shipping office and book a passage to those islands of the Blest as easily as you can take a ticket to Aberdeen, that as you steam down Channel on the first day out, you can unpack, and stow in your cabin wardrobe the swimming suit that will be ready there for you to wear when surf-riding off the

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, February 1.
Tai Foo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Tuesday, February 2.
Autolycus, British str., 4,859 tons, Captain T. B. Nelson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—B. & S.

Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,258 tons, Capt. K. Taniguchi, from Karatsu, buoy No. A11.—O.S.K.

Chenonceaux, French str., 3,839 tons, Capt. G. Pruneyre, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Captain O. Klette, from Chinwangtao, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.

D'Artagnan, French str., 9,608 tons, Capt. Domestiel, from Saigon, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M. & Co.

Gustav Diederichsen, Danish str., 1,853 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Hanoi, buoy No. B12.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Heian Maru, Japanese str., 6,839 tons, Capt. B. Kaneko, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

Shun Foo, Chinese str., 2,887 tons, Captain P. J. Schreiber, from Townsville and Queensland, buoy No. B13.—John Mannings & Co.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. H. Hodgkies, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Tijpanas, Dutch str., 2,776 tons, Capt. Luyken, from Sandakan, buoy No. A15.—J.C.J.L.

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PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.
Per President McKinley for New York and San Francisco via ports, February 2:—
Mr. Yu Chung-ye, Mr. Lum Ching-hung, Mr. R. E. Cullen, Mr. Ho Nam-kee, Mr. H. Boysen, Mr. Pong Sing, Mr. Cheung Wai-shan, Mr. L. R. Idefonso, Mr. K. Au-yang, Mr. E. J. McGann, Mrs. Jung Shee, Mr. C. P. Dellinger, Fr. Moehrerger, Mr. Yu Eng-poh, Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Chow, Miss Y. Ngien, Mrs. K. C. Bang, Mr. Lu Kai-chung, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wilkes, Mr. Yue Yao-yen, Mr. T. S. Yih, Mr. John Carr, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sincetta, Mr. G. H. Tassell, Mr. Wong Tsun, Mr. Ng Man-choy, Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chaddock, Mr. E. V. Channon, Miss R. Archambault, Mr. E. T. Winston, Mr. Jung How, Mr. Wong Sui-kong, Mr. S. L. Yang, Miss W. M. Yang, Miss S. H. Siao, Mr. Wong Lu-yi.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—In dock.
Cornflower—North arm.
Cumberland—West wall.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Keppel—No. 7 buoy.
Marazion—North wall.
Medway and Subs.—No. 2 buoy.
Pandora—In dock.
Proteus—In dock.
Tamar—Basin.
Verity—No. 12 buoy.
Whitchall—East wall.
Wild Swan—No. 12 buoy.
Wishart—No. 13 buoy.
Foreign Man-of-War.
Gold Star—American transport.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The E. & A. s.s. Tanda left Manila for this port on February 2 p.m., with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on February 4 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Kobe on February 2 (Tues.) at 1 p.m., left Kobe on February 2 (Tues.) at 9 p.m., and is due at Nagasaki on February 3 (Wed.) at 8 p.m. She leaves Nagasaki for Shanghai on February 4 (Thurs.) at 6 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Honolulu, Japan ports and Shanghai, on January 30, a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on February 19. She leaves for Manila on February 19, p.m.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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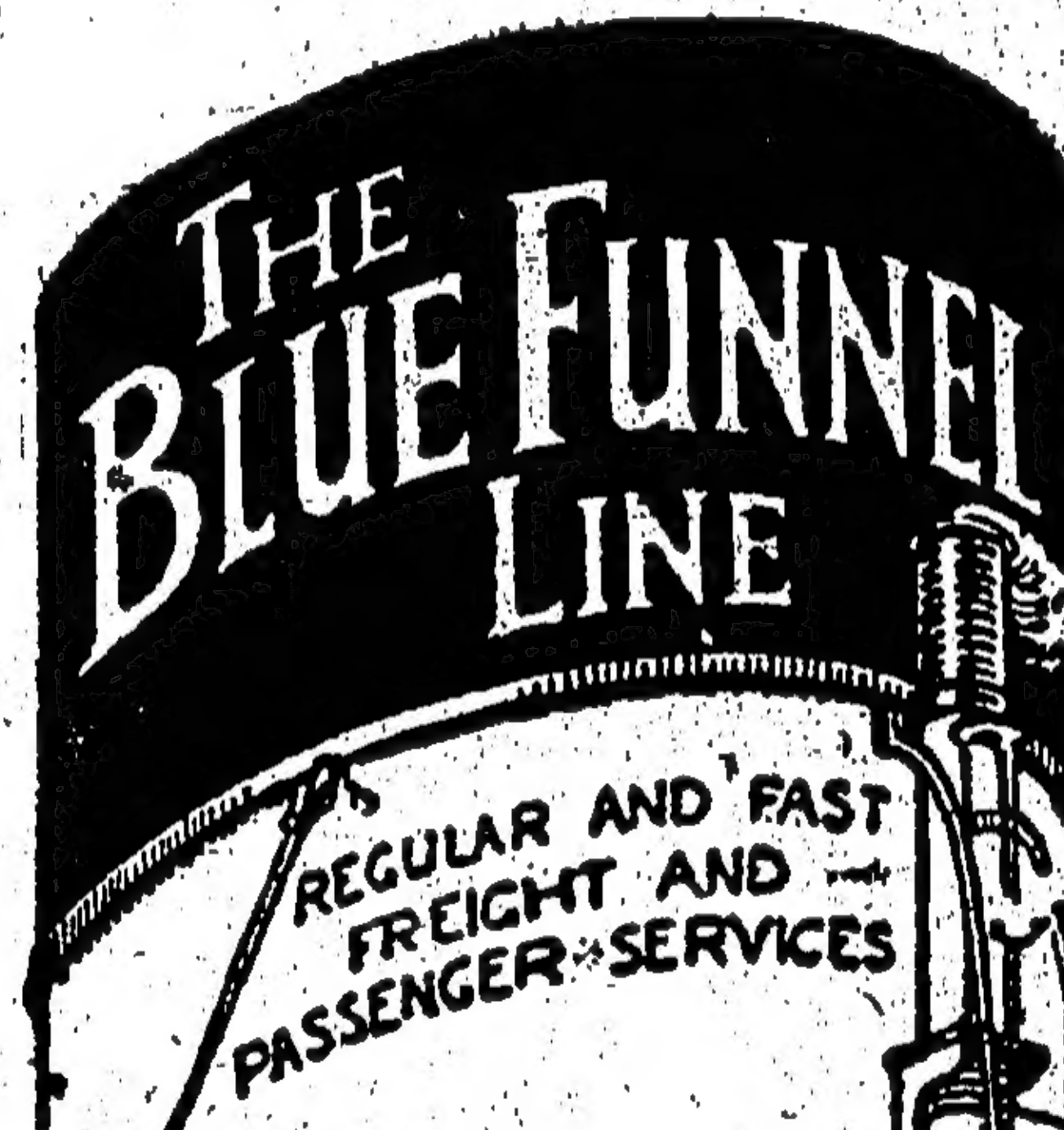
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THE ANOMALIES OF
THE LAWSIR CHARTRES BIRON AND
BAIL QUESTION.

Reference to what he described
as "startling examples of the
anomaly of the British law" was
made by Sir Chartres Biron, the
Magistrate, at Bow Street police
court.

Ernest Jacob Crane, 32, mer-
chant, of the Royal Court Hotel,
Sloane Square, W., and William
Braithwaite, 60, a retired mer-
chant, of the Savoy Hotel, Strand,
were charged on remand with
conspiring to obtain £11,000 by
the confidence trick from Mr.
Laurence Carr, retired manufac-
turer, Western Avenue, Bourn-
mouth.

Crane, in the name of Norman
Kent, was further accused of
conspiring with two men named
Whitlaw and Chance to obtain
£1,250 by false pretences from
Mr. Clifton Bowen Gray-Fisk, a
young American musician and
critic, of Alexandra Road, St.
John's Wood, in March last.

An extradition warrant
against Braithwaite also accused
him, in the name of Edouard
Louis, of obtaining £23,000 by
means of the confidence trick
from Sir Walter Cockerline, a
shipowner, of Hull. This charge
arose while Sir Walter was spend-
ing a holiday on the French
Riviera in 1928.

In the two latter cases Crane
and Braithwaite were alleged to
have appeared before the Court
on previous occasions and to have
absconded while on bail.

They were now summoned to
show cause why their recognis-
ances should not be forfeited—
£2,000 in the case of Crane and
£1,000 in that of Braithwaite.

Surety's Imprisonment.
Braithwaite's surety was stat-
ed to have served a sentence of
three months' imprisonment in
default of forfeiting his recog-
nizances, and Crane's surety was
paying £1,000 at the rate of £100
a month.

When counsel for the defence
asked that the question of for-
feiting the bail should stand
over until after the trial, Sir
Chartres Biron said: "These
cases are startling examples of
the anomaly of the British law
to which the Legislature might
well have its attention drawn.
These two men are charged with

misdeemeanors, Crane in one
case with obtaining \$1,200 by
fraud, and in the other, jointly
with Braithwaite, with attempt-
ing to obtain \$11,000 by fraud.

"Crane was originally charged
at Marlborough Street last
March. He obtained his release
on bail, himself in £2,000 and
one surety in £1,000. He abscond-
ed, and is now before me on an-
other charge of fraud in concert
with Braithwaite. Braithwaite
came before me three years ago
on an extradition charge in
which he was alleged to have ob-
tained £23,000 by fraud.

"For reasons peculiar to that
case he was released upon bail,
one surety in £1,000 and himself
in £1,000, and absconded. He
is now before me on a similar
charge under another name.

"It is true I am not asked to
allow bail in either case but it
is a statutory duty imposed upon
me to tell the accused that they
are entitled to go to a judge in
chambers and apply for bail. As
these cases are misdemeanors
they would be entitled to be al-
lowed bail.

Felony and Misdemeanour.
"The result is interesting. A
man steals £5, and can be refus-
ed bail, because larceny is a felony.
A man can obtain by fraud thou-
sands of pounds, and is entitled
to bail if that fraud is a mis-
deemeanour.

"This is a privilege of which
many prisoners in the past have
taken full advantage. The mis-
chief is the more serious as many
of the heaviest commercial
frauds are made misdemeanors
by their creative statutes. To
grant these men bail in the cir-
cumstances of these cases would
be an abuse of that privilege, and
would bring the administration
of justice into contempt."

Both the accused were com-
mitted for trial on the English
charges, and the summonses re-
lating to the forfeiture of the re-
cognizances were adjourned sine
die.

The extradition charge against
Braithwaite was adjourned.

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Press man as the two stood in
Bournemouth Cemetery watch-
ing the building of a \$1,500
monument over the tomb in
which the bodies of Mr. Baker
and his wife will rest one day.

Mr. Baker, who is 77, has just
built himself a house in Stafford
Road, Bournemouth, and he con-
sidered that his temporal ar-
rangements would not be com-
plete without a grave.

He spends his days in the
cemetery admiring the monu-
ment and giving hints to the
workmen. Often Mrs. Baker
accompanies him. He jokes
with visitors who inquire why
the date of death has been
omitted from the inscription.
"Because I am not dead yet,"
he replies.

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Soup	" 27	20	18
Steak	" 33	24	22
Steak Sirloin	" 45	30	25
Sausages	" 35	26	20
Buttock's Brains	per set 17	10	12
Tongue, fresh	each 75	50	60
Tongue, cured	" 60	—	—
Head	" \$1.20	—	\$1.20
Heart	lb. 24	18	14
Hump, salt	" 20	18	18
Feet	each 13	10	12
Kidneys	" 15	10	12
Tail	" 27	20	22
Liver	lb. 24	13	14
Tripes	" 8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	per set 1.50	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop	lb. 44	28	—
Leg	" 44	28	—
Shoulder	" 40	24	—
Saddle	" 44	—	—
Pig's Chittlings	per set 4	—	—
Brains	lb. 16	15	—
Feet	" 20	15	18
Fry	" 30	15	18
Head	" 20	20	—
Heart	each 13	10	10
Kidneys	lb. 15	10	8
Liver	lb. 53	30	24
Pork Chop	" 33	25	28
Leg	" 40	—	—
Loins	" 44	60	70
Fat or Lard	" 25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	per set 90	60	70
Heart	each 13	8	7
Kidneys	" 15	12	10
Liver	" 45	25	25
Sucking Pig, to order	lb. 25	25	23
Suet, Beef	" 30	20	18
Mutton	" 34	23	26
Veal	" 23	20	20
Sausages	" 23	—	—

Fish.

	lb.	1932.	1918.	1914.
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Barbel	each	52	16	24
Bream	"	32	20	18
Canton Fresh Water	"	32	—	—
Carp	"	34	18	16
Codfish	"	36	16	27
Codfish	"	34	12	9
Crab	"	54	16	17
Cuttle Fish	"	30	13	26
Dab	"	26	16	27
Dace	"	44	23	16
Dog Fish	"	22	10	—
Sels, Congor	"	44	10	8
Fresh Water	"	72	16	—
Yagow	"	62	10	8
Frog	"	84	26	30
Garoupa	"	1.10	32	25
Gudgeon	"	24	40	30
Herrings	"	32	22	18
Halibut	"	36	13	23
Labrus	"	35	18	15
Loach	"	80	22	13
Lobsters	"	60	62	24
Mackerel	"	44	32	21
Monk Fish	"	46	20	20
Mullet	"	36	13	2
Oysters	"	44	12	2
Parrot Fish	"	28	14	9
Perch	"	28	30	15
Pike	"	44	16	9
Plaice	"	54	36	29
Pomfret, White	"	56	33	30
Pomfret, Black	"	44	36	45
Prawns	"	76	10	14
Ray	"	24	10	14
Rock Fish	"	26	13	18
Roach	"	38	22	10
Salmon	"	56	86	80
Shark	"	20	8	10
Skate	"	20	10	10
Shrimps	"	62	38	30
Snapper	"	42	33	30
Sole	"	35	22	23
Tench	"	38	26	35
Turbot	"	36	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	"	1.55	12	12

Poultry.

	lb.	1932.	1918.	1914.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	each	66	30	31
Capon, Small	"	60	28	30
Capon, Large	"	64	28	30
Duck	each	48	22	21
Doves	each	22	21	21
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	per doz.	38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	each	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	lb.	80	38	24
Fowls, Hainan	"	60	35	24
Geese	each	80	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	each	55	30	—
Hothow	each	40	28	—
Turkeys, Cook	lb.	80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	each	72	61	46
Snipe	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	each	220	—	—
Quail	each	30	—	—
Partridge	each	30	—	—

Fruits.

	lb.	1932.	1918.	1914.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Almonds	each	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	"	24	25	—
Bananas (bride's)	"	6	4	—
Carambola	"	12	—	—
Coconuts	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (American)	each	13	8	—
Lichees, Dried	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	"	20	—	—
Oranges	"	16	—	15
Pears (Canton)	"	36	—	—
Peanuts	"	14	10	12
Perseimmons, Large	"	12	—	—
Plantain	"	8	—	—
Pumelo, Slam	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	lb.	30	—	16
Grapes	"	60	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

	each	1932.	1918.	1914.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Artichokes	each	12	—	2
Beans, Sprout	lb.	6	—	7
Long	"	—	—	8
Beet Root	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	"	8	24	—
Brijala, Green	"	8	5	3
Red	"	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	"	10	—	—
(Shanghai)	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	"	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	each	35	—	—
(Medium)	"	30	—	—
(Small)	"	20	6	6
Carrots	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	"	16	10	6
Chillies, Dried	"	18	25	5
Red	"	14	10	10
Green	"	8	8	12
Curry Stuf, English	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	"	2	—	—
Garlic	"	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	"	10	7	—
Old	"	8	20	—
Borseradish, Shanghai	"	60	8	4
Indian Corn	each	10	45	—
Lettuce	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	"	12	—	8
Mandarin	"	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	"	—	—	—
Okra	"	1	10	—
Onions, Bombay	"	10	8	8
Green	"	6	4	6
Shanghai	"	8	6	—
Parley	"	30	60	8
Potato, Sweet	"	5	8	—
Japanese	"	5	8	—
American	"	8	8	—
Pumpkin	"	5	4	4
Radish	"	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	"	—	—	10
Shallots	"	8	—	8
Spinach	"	8	8	—
Tomatoes	"	12	4	—
Taro	"	6	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	"	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	"	10	4	—
Water Cress	"	15	15	—
Water Lily Root	"	6	15	—

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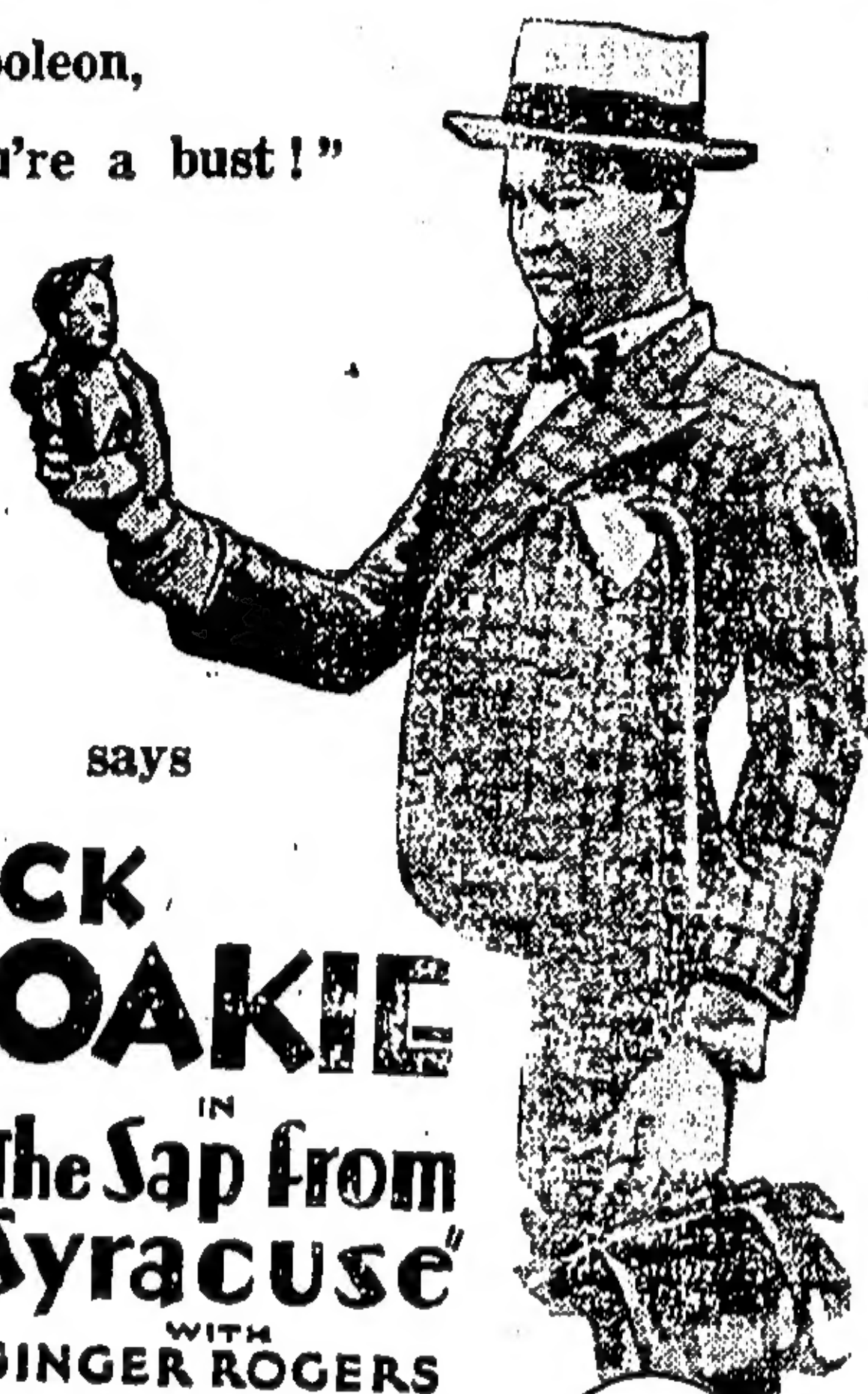
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CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION

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given for British troops to co-operate, if the zone could be established.

Owing to the efforts of the Consul-Generals a truce was arranged on the evening of January 29, but, he regretted to see in the latest Press reports, that fighting appeared to have broken out again.

The British Government had further urged upon both Governments, with the utmost earnestness, to do what lies in and upon them to remedy the existing situation.

After mentioning that British reinforcements had been sent to Shanghai, and emphasising the close consultation, which had been maintained, and would be continued, with other Powers concerned, Sir John Simon referred briefly to the shelling last night at Nanking. He proceeded:

- (1) No further mobilisation or preparation whatever for further hostilities.
- (2) Withdrawal of both Japanese and Chinese combatants from all points of mutual contact in the Shanghai area.
- (3) Protection of the International Settlement by the establishment of neutral zones to divide the combatants.
- (4) These zones to be policed by neutrals, and all arrangements to be set up by consular authorities on the spot.
- (5) Upon acceptance of these conditions prompt advances to be made in negotiations to settle all outstanding controversies between the two nations in the spirit of the Pact of Paris and the resolution of the League of Nations of December 9, without prior demand or observations, and with the aid of neutral observers or participants."

In Geneva, to-day's developments created an unfortunate impression.

Mr. Thomas on How League Affected.

The opening of the Disarmament Conference was postponed two hours to make way for the Special Council Meeting, and the Dominions Secretary's statement was listened to in tense silence. He emphasised the need for immediate action, declaring that the British Government felt that the present situation could not be allowed to continue and pointed out its reaction on the League.

After referring to the joint efforts by the British and United States Governments to restore peace, he expressed the hope that other Members of the League would reinforce the proposals which to-day had been made to the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

M. Tardieu for France, and Signor Grandi for Italy, immediately promised co-operation, and the German delegate also expressed sympathy for the measures to be adopted.

The Japanese representative, Baron Sato, said he believed his Government would welcome the proposal to create a neutral zone.

The Chairman, M. Tardieu, in adjourning the meeting, said its

purpose, which was to associate the Council with the action of the British, French, Italian and United States Governments had been attained. France's land and naval forces in the Far East would, he added, be increased.

Italy also is sending additional warships and marines to Shanghai. Calm at Shanghai.

After this morning's further outbreak of firing between Japanese and Chinese in northern Shanghai conditions quietened down and all was reported calm at midnight.

U.S. Liaison Officer.

A Geneva message states that the United States' Minister, Mr. Berne Hugh Wilson, has been appointed American Liaison Officer with the League vice Mr. Prentiss Gilbert, who was Consular official.—British Wireless Service.

Japanese Ambassador to U.S.

Makes A Statement.

Washington, Yesterday. The Japanese Ambassador has informed the Assistant Secretary of State that Japan does not intend, at present, to send military forces to Shanghai. He also said, he believed that no reinforcements were, at present, en route to Shanghai, but Tokyo might be considering the dispatch of additional forces.—Reuter's American Service.

BOY SCOUTS' MEET.

Presentation to Badge Secretary.

A HAPPY TIME.

About a hundred Boy Scouts gathered in the Seamen's Institute last night for the New Year Rally. Games formed the major part of the programme, and after refreshments had been partaken of, representative groups gave an item each, and they were well received. The Commissioner, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, took charge, and among those present were Lieut. C. G. H. Christian, R.A., and the Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C., Assistant Commissioners, as well as many Scouters. Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., Vice-President of the Association, was also present.

Opportunity was also taken of presenting the Thanks Badge to Mr. K. B. Carey, Badge Secretary of the Association, for the past two years. Before calling upon Mr. Cock to make the presentation, the Commissioner referred to the hard work that Mr. Carey had put in. Without casting any reflections on his predecessors, Mr. Carey was the best Badge Secretary they had had (Applause).

In asking Mr. Carey to accept the token of appreciation, Mr. Cock said he hoped that there would be more recruits in the movement, so as to make the work for Mr. Carey's successor even more difficult!

Replying, Mr. Carey said he appreciated the kind words of the Commissioner very much, and was sorry to be leaving. He wished the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts Association every success in the future (Applause).

After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the Commissioner gave the order "Dismiss" and the gathering dispersed.

of them — he, him, and his. (Laughter). Think of the corresponding feminines — she and her — only two-thirds. I suggest it should be altered, and that in future we should write she, him, and his. (Loud laughter).

"Some local authorities would rather have the most colourless inefficient man as head than a Solomon of a woman. If there is anything that makes me annoyed it is for anyone to call me a 'lady.' The word woman is a much higher term."

Miss D. A. Davies said that she had for 12 years been head of a mixed school in Birmingham. She had three men in her school, and there was no question at all about the management of the men.

STOP PRESS

Shanghai, 3.30 p.m. With Admiral Taylor on board and carrying 800 Marines from Manila, the U.S.S. Houston, Flag Ship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, arrived off Woosung sea front, 13 miles from Shanghai.

The Houston is not proceeding up river to Shanghai for the present in order to avoid the chance of being hit by Japanese warships which are bombarding Woosung Forts.—Reuter.

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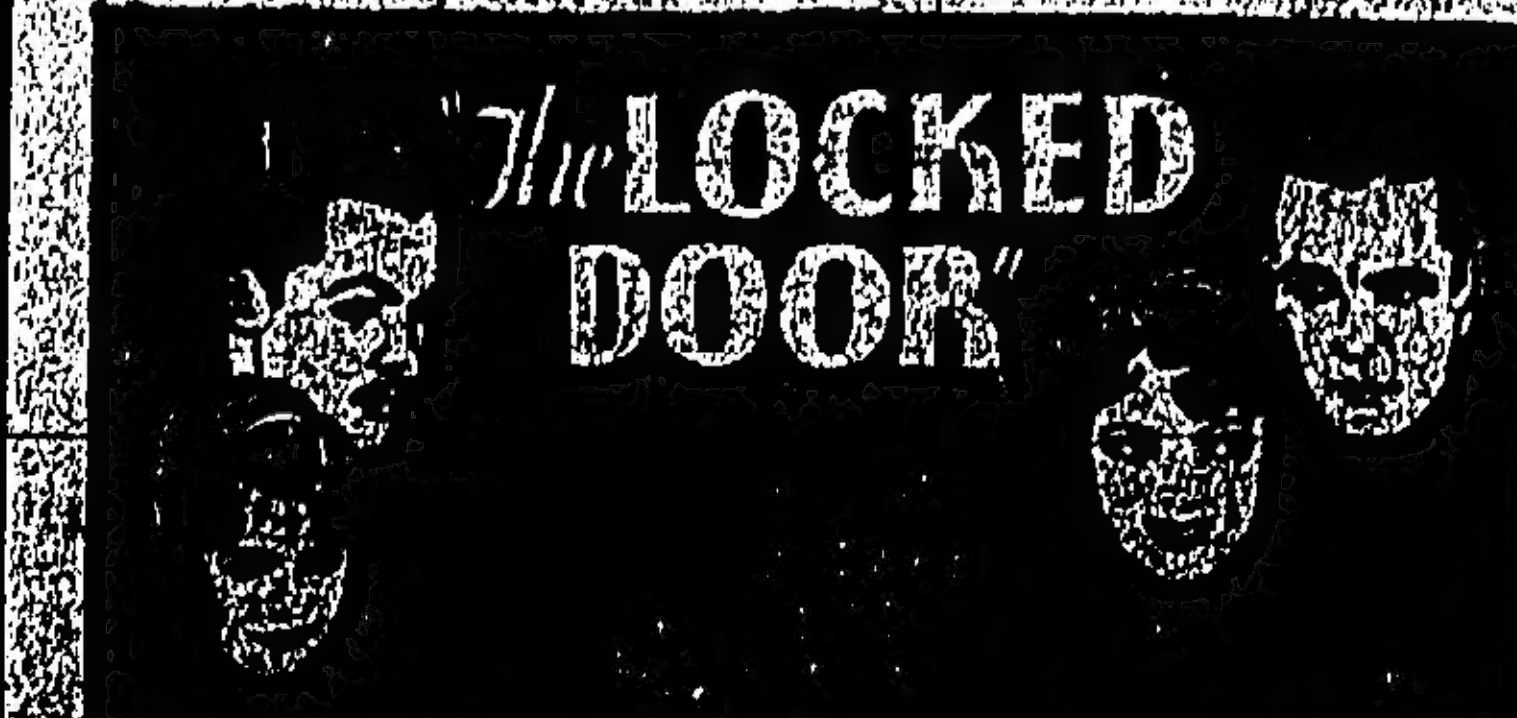
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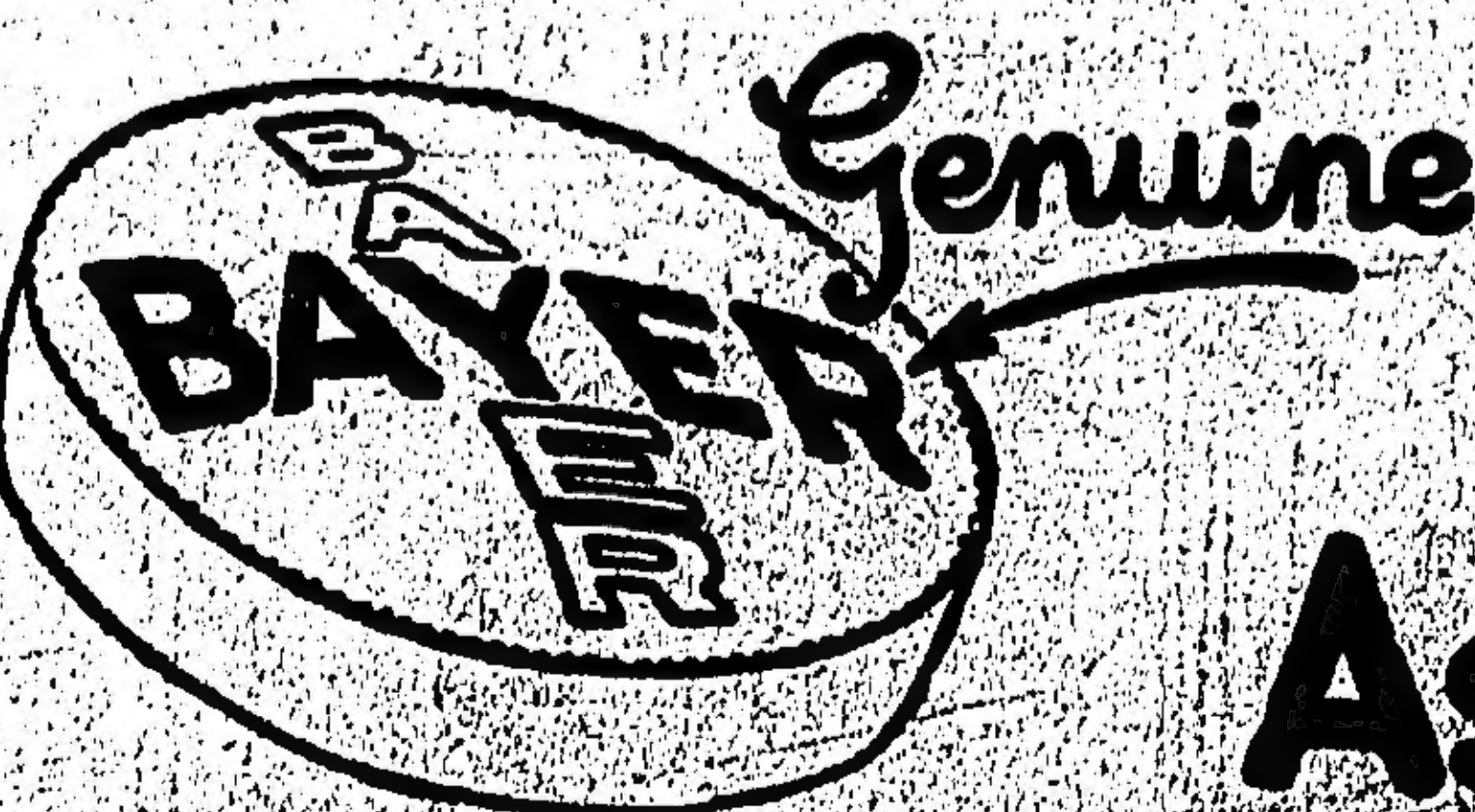
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